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CUBA'S SUPPORTERS

Monster Demonstration in New York City Last Night.

BIG PARADE AND A CROWDED MEETING

Many Men of National Prominence Take Part in the Proceedings---President Cleveland's Name Received with Disapproval.

New York, Dec. 22.—The demonstration held by the Cuba Libre in this city last night was a great affair. First was a monster parade and then an enthusiastic mass meeting at Cooper Union. At the conclusion of the great demonstration the wildest kind of enthusiasm had been worked up, and the cause of free Cuba had made a great advancement among the citizens of New York. The parade was formed at East End avenue and Eighty-seventh street. Long before the hour set for the line to move thousands of Cubans and American sympathizers had congregated in the neighborhood. It was a scene never to be forgotten. There were upwards of 2,000 men in line when shortly after 7 o'clock Grand Marshall Frans Meyer gave the command to start. The line was divided into ten battalions each headed by a band of music. At the head of each battalion the American and Cuban flags were carried by stalwart Cuban patriots. There were also a number of huge banners and transparencies. These had been prepared very carefully by the members of the Society of American Friends of Cuba, under whose auspices the demonstration was given. Several of the banners contained the pictures of Washington, Lincoln and Maceo, all of which were fittingly inscribed with mottoes. One of the most prominent transparencies was that of the Virginius massacre. Under it was the inscription "Has the American government forgotten this." Other banners and transparencies bore scenes representing Weyler's butchery in the island of Cuba. The wildest excitement attended the paraders throughout the entire line of march. Crowds of men, women and children gathered along the sidewalks and cheered the patriotic men, who appeal to the United States government for freedom. Hats were thrown into the air and men shrieked themselves hoarse. Long before the line reached Cooper Union the meeting there had begun. As early as 7 o'clock the crowd began to gather about the entrance to the famous old meeting hall. Among the list of vice-presidents appeared the following names: Gov. Morton, Hon. Frank S. Black, Col. John Jacob Astor, Senator David B. Hill, Hon. Charles A Dana, Andrew H. Green, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Hon. Roswell P. Flower, Andrew Carnegie, William Rockefeller, W. R. Hearst, James Gordon Bennett, Chauncey M. Depew, Thomas C. Platt, Russell Sage, Gen Tracy, and many other prominent persons As the name of each prominent man was read it was cheered to the echo "Where is Grover's name?" asked a facetious listener when the list had been completed The mention of the chief executive's name was the signal for a series of groans and cat-calls of derision. Speeches were made and resolutions demanding the recognition of the insurgents adopted

MACEO WAS ASSASSINATED.

Information Which Is Said To Have Come from Weyler's Palace.

New York, Dec. 22.—"I am able to say upon what I consider the best of authority that General Maceo was murdered and not killed in honorable warfare," said Captain Burley of the steamship City of Washington, which arrived in this port from Havana last night. "I have it from a most reliable source," said Captain Burley to a reporter, "that Maceo was ambushed and assassinated. I got my information through a third party from no less a source than the chief telegraph operator at the palace. Maceo was killed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 8th. He was decoyed under the bluffs and shot from them. Major Cirujeda had 850 men in readiness at Punta Brava The letter found on Gomez's son was a base forgery, for the purpose of misleading sentiment. There were just forty in the Cuban party with Maceo. It is whispered that two escaped, and that one of these is with Juan Riviera in the Rosario hills. The others were killed. It is from these two that the truth has come. A Spanish officer told me confidentially that Maceo was ambushed. It was expected that many resignations would follow the news of his death. Instead the Cubans have become doubly determined and have gained numbers. The feeling in Havana is intensely anti-American among the Spanish. The same Spanish officer told me frankly that they could and would clean us up at the first chance. The Spanish in Havana honestly think they can best us in a war. The truth is that most of the people in Havana would welcome a war with the United States as the quickest solution of the present difficulty. It is a mixture of bombast, commercial shrewdness and despair."

Action Recognizing the Cuban

meeting of the board of trade the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, that we greatly deplore the action of the senate committee on foreign relations in reporting favorably a joint resolution to recognize the independence of the republic of Cuba. That we believe that in view of the conditions now existing in Cuba as reported from all sources, such action is very ill-timed and hasty and calculated, if approved by congress, to greatly embarrass if not actually sever the peaceful relations now existing between Spain and our own country.

TO RAISE A SUNKEN STEAMER.

Wrecking Tugs Exert an Enormous Force Unsuccessfully on the Ailsa.

Quarantine, S. I., Dec. 22.—Another effort will be made to-day to raise the steamship Ailsa, sunk near Fort Hamilton by collision with the French liner La Bourgogne on Feb. 29 last. The combined forces of the Midford Salvage company, and the Chapman Wrecking company were at work yesterday on the steamer, and although a lifting force of over 2,000 tons was exerted she did not move an inch. Twenty-one chains had been run under the Ailsa, which lies in an upright position embedded in sixteen feet of mud. To either end of these chains were attached thirty-four immersed barrel-like caisons, each thirty feet long and eight feet in diameter. Air was forced into these through lines of hose or by powerful compressors. A number of large rubber bags were also placed in the holds and inflated. The derrick Reliance was moved near the bows and the Monarch at the stern and both exerted such force as to heel over under the strain. The suction of the sixteen feet of mud was, however, too great to be overcome and the Ailsa never moved. The attempt made yesterday was more or less of an experiment, and means will be found by dredging or otherwise to break the force of the suction. One method suggested was to force water through pipes into the mud under the vessel and thus loosen it.

Cuban Subject in the Italian Chamber.

Rome, Dec. 22.—In the chamber of deputies last evening a member of the radical party gave notice of his intention to introduce a motion expressing the sympathy of the chamber of deputies with the Cuban insurgents. The Marquis di Rudini, prime minister, intimated that the ministry would oppose the adoption of such a motion by the chamber, his remarks evoking violent protests on the part of the radicals. In the course of the discussion Signor Imbriani, the radical leader, declared that his party at least would join the American and other civilized people in hoping that the Cubans might be victorious in their struggle for freedom.

Death of D. M. Hildreth, Sr.

New York, Dec. 22 —David M. Hildreth, sr., the well known hotel man, who for years had been the proprietor of the West End hotel, Long Branch, and the famous Metropolitan hotel at Broadway and Prince street until it was torn down a year or more ago, was found dead in bed at his home in this city yesterday He had taken lunch and retired to his room for a nap and shortly afterward a member of his family found him dead.

Visible Supply of Cereals.

New York, Dec 22 —The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat, as compiled by the New York produce exchange, is as follows: Wheat—51,163,000 bushels; increase 879,000 Corn—8,075,000 bushels; increase 612,000 Oats—12,131,000 bushels; increase, 3,000 Rye—2,841,000 bushels; increase, 249,000 Barley—5,150,000, decrease 364,000

Duties on Wool.

Washington, Dec 22 —Mr Danford, rep., O., has introduced in the house a bill prepared by the National Wool Growers' association providing for duties on wool. A duty of twelve cents per pound is asked for wool of the first class, eight cents per pound for wool of the second class and other wool according to its grade.

Appointed by Gov. Morton.

Albany, Dec. 22 —Governor Morton has appointed George J. Yaeckel as county clerk of Onondaga county to fill a vacancy caused by the death of the regularly elected county clerk, Mr. Yaeckel is the present deputy county clerk.

No Pardon for McKane.

Albany, Dec. 22.—Gov. Morton has refused to extend clemency to John Y. McKane. A delegation of McKane's friends called upon the governor yesterday, and this decision of the executive was announced by him.

Farmers' Product Company.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 22.—The Farmers' Product company has just been formed here with a million dollars capital, nothing paid in. Its purpose is to deal in live stock, operate factories, stock yards, etc.

Fourth-Class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The following fourth-class postmasters have just been appointed: Massachusetts—D. Damon at Templeton. New Hampshire—Mrs. A. C. Hill at Springfield. Pennsylvania—A. Krause at Denny.

HE LEAVES CHICAGO

Major McKinley and Wife Start for Their Home in Canton.

NO REST IN THE WINDY CITY

His Visitors Became Almost as Numerous as They Were at Canton---Greeted by a Big Delegation of School Children.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—If Major McKinley came to Chicago for rest and quiet, which undoubtedly was the principal object of his visit, he must have been a sorely disappointed man for his visitors increased in number every day he was here. Late yesterday afternoon there was a demonstration, which in character and magnitude rivalled some of the scenes witnessed at Canton on the closing days of the campaign. Seven hundred children from schools on the south side, near where Major McKinley is visiting, came shortly after 3 o'clock to call upon him. Teachers accompanied the children, and when Major McKinley appeared on the porch to bow his acknowledgements, the air rang with cheers and there was a crimson flash of waving flags. The girls' glee club from the Hyde Park high school sang "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner." The cheers and the fresh young voices lifted in patriotic song attracted hundreds of adults and in the course of fifteen minutes the visit of the school children was turned into a big reception. The clamor to see Major McKinley and to shake his hand became so great that the people were asked to form in line and walk through the house. Major McKinley met them in the reception room and shook hands with more than 3,000 persons. A feature of the crowd was the large number of working men who left their tasks to pay their respects to the president-elect. The private car in which Major McKinley came to Chicago was attached to the 11:30 o'clock Pennsylvania express last night, and the president-elect, his wife and the newspaper correspondents returned to Canton. There was no demonstration at the depot, the major's plans not being generally known to the public.

The Danville Junction Accident.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 22.—The seventeen passengers who were injured in the railroad accident near Danville Junction yesterday, and who were brought to the hospital here for treatment, are reported this morning to be doing well. In fact some of the injured were so slightly hurt that they have proceeded to their destinations. That the twenty-five passengers on the train were not all killed is considered almost a miracle, as the entire train, except the locomotive and tender, plunged over an embankment twenty-five feet high. The accident was caused by a broken rail.

Raines Law Better Enforced.

Albany, Dec. 22.—State Excise Commissioner Lyman says that the recent reports of his special agents show that the number of prosecutions for violations of the Raines liquor tax law is greatly increasing. This is thought to be due to the agitation of the matter during the past few weeks, which has been the cause of spurring on the authorities who have the enforcement of the law in charge The work of Senator Raines' special committee has also had much to do with the present better enforcement of the law

Army Transfers.

Washington, Dec 22.—Capt Thomas Cruse, assistant-quartermaster, recently appointed, is ordered to take station at Washington and assume the construction of public buildings at Fort Washington, Maryland. Second Lieut. M. L. Walker, corps of engineers, is relieved from duty under the immediate orders of Lieut.-Col Samuel M. Mansfield, corps of engineers, and will repair to Seattle, Wash, and report to Capt. Harry Taylor, corps of engineers, for duty.

Came Near Foundering.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec 22.—The British steamer Avalon, which sailed from Newport News, Va., December 12 for Cardiff, encountered a hurricane last Friday when 300 miles off the coast. The seas swept her decks, bursting open the fore hatch, damaged her stanchions and bridge boats and started her funnel. The fore hold filled with water and the ship nearly foundered. She had to run before the gale in order to escape going down.

Fears for Overdue Schooner.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Fears are entertained here for the safety of the schooner May Williams, Capt. Reed, which left here on November 27 for Charleston, S C., laden with coal. J. N. Stetson & Co., are the agents for the vessel here.

Seven Killed by an Explosion.

Naples, Dec. 22.—An explosion occurred yesterday in a confectionery manufactory at Casino, in the province of Caserta, killing seven persons.

DEPOSITORS HOPEFUL

Efforts To Relieve Chicago's Big Closed Bank.

ASSOCIATED BANKS OFFER AID

Condition of the Related Institutions That Are Affected---Astounding Recklessness in Making Loans.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The closing of an institution which was considered the strongest national bank in Chicago, quickly followed by the failure of three private banking houses which did business with it, caused a flurry of excitement in financial circles and led to runs on several banks by timid depositors. A flood of rumors relative to other banks and business firms added to the intense nervousness which pervaded all classes of people long after business hours and the close of the courts. The banks which were closed follow: National Bank of Illinois, capital $1,000,000; liabilities, $11,000,000. E. S. Dreyer & Co., bankers, mortgage brokers and real estate dealers, liabilities, $1,500,000; estimated value of assets, $1,650,000. Wasmansdorf & Heineman, bankers and mortgage brokers, liabilities, $416,000; estimated value of assets, $550,000. Roseland Savings bank, Roseland, Ill., small capital, and assets estimated equal to liabilities. All the private banks which closed their doors cleared through the National Bank of Illinois, and the big crash compelled their suspension to conserve their assets and protect creditors. The two private city banks went into liquidation through receivership proceedings in the courts. Reassuring action was taken at a largely attended meeting of the clearing house association, which was held after banking hours yesterday afternoon. The following resolution, offered by ex-comptroller of the currency, E. S. Lacey, president of the Bankers National bank, was unanimously adopted: "That the clearing house committee, after calling to their aid such other persons as they may desire, be requested to formulate a plan which will enable creditors of the National Bank of Illinois to avail themselves of the offer of the associated banks to make advances by way of loans to said creditors to the extent of 75 per cent. upon properly proven claims." The chairman of the clearing house committee stated that the readiness of bankers to do this was so evident that it was not probable any formal organization to accomplish the object set forth in the resolution would be necessary although the committee appointed will give prompt attention to the duty imposed on them. William F. Dummer, president of the association and vice-president of the Northwestern National bank, read the following telegram which he had received from Comptroller of the Currency Eckels, dated Washington: "I have appointed Bank Examiner McKeen temporary receiver of the National Bank of Illinois and I instructed him to publish notice to creditors to prove claims. He informs me that the clearing house committee will advance 75 per cent. on evidence of claims. Notice will be published at once, and if claims are proven immediately I shall within thirty days be able to pay a very considerable dividend. I appreciate the action of the clearing house in offering to advance on such certificates."

Cause of the Trouble.

The decision of the clearing house committee to refuse clearing privileges to the National Bank of Illinois, and also to refuse funds by which the bank could have gone into voluntary liquidation was chiefly due to the astounding discovery that the bank had loaned $2,400,000 to the Calumet Electric Street Railway company on its bonds as sole security This loan exceeded the bank's capital and surplus. Another account, which caused the bankers to hesitate, was stated to be near $500,000, the debtor being E S. Dreyer & Co Robert Berger, the only partner of Mr. Dreyer, is a son-in-law of George Schneider, president of the failed national bank There was two other big loans which were considered poor collateral. The necessary sequel to this refusal to lend aid or to continue clearing privileges was that the big national bank on Dearborn street failed to open its doors yesterday for public business This was anticipated by the action of the clearing house committee, but there was a small knot of anxious depositors waiting on the marble steps of the entrance when the big iron screen in front of the doors was rolled up to admit several clerks. Later a card was hung on the grill work reading as follows: "This bank is in the hands of a national bank examiner. By order of the comptroller of the currency." This cheerless announcement for depositors was quickly followed by the posting of notices that certain private banks and business firms would clear through other banks, or pay checks which had been given Saturday on the suspended institution.

Promise To Pay All in Full.

It is reported that the National Bank of Illinois has on hand about 45 per cent. of its deposits of $11,000,000, and their is general confidence that depositors will be paid in full in a short time. The officers and stockholders of the ba unite in saying so. The failure was a great surprise to the public. There was no suspicion on the part of the large depositors that the bank's capital and assets had been seriously impaired. The heaviest creditors are the municipal corporations. City Treasurer Wolf has $650,000 of city funds on deposit there. The bank was one of the five which are depositories for city funds, and each of the banks take turns by the month in cashing city checks. It was the failed bank's turn to pay out in January. Mr. Wolf said he had no serious concern about the safety of the money and has received ample assurance from the other city banks which hold city money that the corporation will not be embarrassed. County treasurer D. H. Kochberger has $300,000 of county funds tied up in the national bank, and Fred M. Blount, the newly appointed treasurer of the drainage board, had over $80,000 of district funds at the bank, whose officers were on his bond. The bank officials were also on the bonds of the city and county and West park board treasurers. The fact that the bank officers were bondsmen of these public officials was a strong reason for the decision of the other banks to force immediate closing of the bank before funds were deposited.

NEW YORK'S FINANCES.

Annual Report of State Comptroller James A. Roberts.

Albany, Dec. 22.—The financial condition of the state treasury is a source of great satisfaction to state comptroller James A. Roberts. He finds on balancing his books for fiscal year September 30, 1896, that there is a balance in the state treasury of $4,930,046. This completes the third year of Comptroller Roberts' term and it is the first year since he has served as comptroller that he has not been compelled to borrow money to pay the expenses of the state government from October 1 to the following February each year, when the taxes under the annual levy pour into the state treasury. Last year he borrowed $3,500,000 and the year before $1,800,000. The ample surplus in the treasury at present will enable the comptroller to carry the state government along without borrowing a dollar until the $11,751,837 which is to be raised under the annual tax levy provided for by the last legislature, is received by the state treasurer in the spring. The balance in the state treasury on October 1, 1896, exceeded the balance in the treasury on October 1, 1895, by $3,518,961.

PHILADELPHIA BANK ALL RIGHT.

The Independence National Not Affected by the Chicago Failure.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The Independence National bank of this city, which was the Philadelphia correspondent of the National Bank of Illinois of Chicago, will not be affected by the failure of the latter institution. Theodore Wiedersheim, treasurer of the Independence bank, states that his bank is merely the holder of a portion of the western banks' eastern funds Mr. Weidersheim further says that advices he had received from Chicago are to the effect that every obligation of the embarrassed bank will be paid dollar for dollar, and that the failure has been caused by a futile endeavor to realize on securities in hand.

English Comment on Canovas.

London, Dec. 22.—Commenting upon the declaration of Senor Canovas, the Spanish premier, that he will broach no interference with the sovereignty of Spain in Cuba, the Pall Mall Gazette says that Senor Canovas is magnificent in his defiance, but his utterance is not business like. If he wishes to avail himself of the few months' grace remaining to him, the Gazette says, he must change his resolutely immobile attitude for resolute action.

Moscow Students Sentenced.

London, Dec. 22.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that as an outcome of the recent political agitation in Moscow, one student has been sentenced to death and others to twelve years' imprisonment. The agitation came to a head in efforts to hold meetings commemorative of the Khodinsky Plain disaster during the coronation of the czar, which were prohibited by the police.

New England Society Banquet.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Herbert will attend the banquet of the New England society to-night. At the same time Assistant Secretary McAdoo, accompanied by commander B H. Buckingham will address the Brooklyn naval reserve and attend the launch of the gunboat Annapolis at Elizabethport to-morrow.

The Laurada Returns to Sicily.

Messina, Dec. 22.—The former Cuban filibustering steamship Laurada, which sailed from Palermo a few days ago for Gibraltar, where it was said she would ship a cargo for America, has returned to this port.

National Bank Condition.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The comptroller of the currency has issued a call on national banks to show their condition at the close of business on December 17.

OFF FOR THEIR HOMES

Exodus of Senators and Representatives from Washington.

CONGRESS TO ADJOURN THIS EVENING

Little Interest in the Proceedings---Even the Cuban Discussion Fails To Attract Many Visitors to the Galleries.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Both branches of congress will adjourn this evening for the holiday recess. Nothing of special importance is before the senate to-day, and already many senators and representatives have left for their homes, and the outgoing trains to-night will carry many more away. By to-morrow the city will be practically deserted of lawmakers. Many officials, clerks and other government employes have also left for their homes to eat turkey next Friday with their families or relatives. There was no special excitement manifested yesterday either by senators or by the general public in the matter of joint resolutions acknowledging the independence of the republic of Cuba. The galleries were not occupied to the extent of two-thirds of their capacity. The proceedings were of a formal and uninteresting character. They consisted merely of reporting the joint resolution by Mr. Cameron, rep., Penn., from the committee on foreign relations, and of the offering of various substitutes for it on the part of senators. Mr. Vest, dem., Mo., presented a resolution declaring that the exclusive power to determine the independence of a foreign people struggling to establish a government for themselves should be recognized is vested by the constitution not in the president of the United States but in congress. Mr. Hill, dem., N. Y., offered a substitute for the committee joint resolution, declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba; according belligerent rights to the Cubans, and announcing that the United States will preserve a state of neutrality between the belligerents. Mr. Bacon, dem., Ga., offered a resolution asserting that the question of recognition of any people as a free and independent nation is a question exclusively for the determination of congress, and does not appertain to the executive department. And still another resolution was offered by Mr. Chilton, dem., Tex., declaring that a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government which has been for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba, and that the United States will maintain a strict neutrality between the contending parties, according to each all the rights of belligerents in t ports and territory of the Unit States. These various resolutions and substitutes were either laid on the table—with the foreign relations committee's report—or were referred to the committee on the judiciary. The whole subject, however, will be open to discussion this afternoon when Mr. Vest calls up his resolution. There was no other business of importance transacted. An effort was made by Mr Gear, rep., Iowa, to have the Pacific railroad funding bill made the unfinished business, but objection was interposed, and Mr. Gear gave notice that he would call up that bill immediately after the reassembling of congress after the holiday recess

House of Representatives.

The house spent most of another day's session in consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and still "came to no resolution thereon." Nearly all of the time was given to discussing the future control of the library, whether by the joint committee on the library, as proposed by that committee in Mr. Quigg's substitute, or by the librarian, as proposed by the committee on appropriations The principal speeches in favor of the appropriations committee's plan were made by Messrs Bingham, rep Pa., and Cannon, rep., Ill., of the committee, and by Mr. Cummings, dem., N. Y., in favor of the Quigg substitute. The latter was rejected—27 to 85 On motion of Mr. Shaforth, sal., Col., the salary of the librarian was reduced from $6,000 to $5,000 In the morning hour the immigration bill was taken from the speaker's table and the senate's request for a conference on the amendments made by that body agreed to

Swindler Dutton Sentenced.

New York, Dec. 22.—Stephen A. Dutton, the swindler and alleged member of the Valentine gang of forgers, has been sentenced to three years and pay a fine of $5,000 or stand committed one day for each dollar until the fine is paid. Dutton was convicted of swindling Mrs. Mary A. Godfrey and her daughter of Washington out of some real estate in that city.

American Bankers' Association.

New York, Dec. 22.—As a result of a mail vote of the members of American Bankers' association the tenth annual convention of the association will be held in Detroit. Niagara Falls ran a close race with the successful city. The convention will be held some time in August.

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A plentiful supply of pure, wholesome water and a perfect-working system of drainage are among the prime requisites of a well-governed municipality. In both particulars many of our otherwise charming and prosperous American cities are at fault. Every once in awhile the hue and cry is raised of infectious diseases broken out in city quarters of teeming population, diseases traced clearly back to the impure water supply or defective drainage. True, in comparison with the days of our forbears, who knew nothing of microbes, bacilli and bacteria, who were unaware of the poisonous vapors and the death-dealing infusoriae taken into their bodies with rank water and ill-smelling odors, even those American cities which are poorly managed in the two respects spoken of are vastly better off. But hygiene has made such strides of late years that it is really indefensible if the utmost care, both as to water and drainage, be not taken nowadays. And yet but a few months ago there was a "bad water scare" in San Francisco, with reports of many deaths due to this cause. The Chicago river and Lake Michigan continue to be the dumping grounds for the vile refuse and offal of the world's fair city, and her health department continues to attribute a large portion of the mortality to the contaminated water supply. In New York matters in this respect are not so bad, perhaps, but still very far from satisfactory. And thus it is with the large number of other large and progressive American cities. The need of absolutely pure drinking water and of perfect sewage must be generally recognized in every part of the union before a thorough reform may be wrought. In this matter the example Berlin furnishes may be instructive.

It was in 1873 that the Berlin municipality acquired control of the water supply, and at once proceeded to create a new and improved system. At the same time it determined to abandon the growingly dangerous practice of draining the city sewage into the diminutive Spree, and it entered not only upon a marvelous system for the disposal of sewage, but also proceeded, in the interest of the public health, to create a great series of sanitary institutions. The sanitary authorities at Berlin had led the world in recent inquiries into the relations of water supply to public health, and now the character of the service rendered by the Berlin water works is constantly improving. The water is taken from the Tegel and Muggel lakes, two sheets of water 15 and 20 miles from the city. This water goes through a series of purifications so chemically perfect that all germs of disease possibly lurking in it are destroyed. During the last two years there was only a part of one day when the water was not as clear and wholesome as desirable, owing to a defect in the machinery which was at once remedied. No epidemic of any kind, at all traceable, directly or indirectly, to the water supply has occurred in Berlin for 20 years. More than that, there was not a single case of serious disease which could be laid to the burden of the water supply within the same time. The supply is abundant at all times, and the pressure is so gauged that there is never any "water famine," not even in midsummer up in the highest stories of the tall downtown buildings.

But a greater undertaking still was the solution of the sewage problem. Berlin had drained into the Spree, and had used vaults for solid waste instead of the modern all-receiving sewers. Good drainage was as necessary as good water, and the permanent discharge of impurified sewage into the Spree was out of the question. Artificial purification, and the manufacture of fertilizers from the precipitated solids, would have been possible. But Berlin wisely adopted the better plan of natural purification by the irrigating of land. Immense research was bestowed upon the subject, with the result that the Berlin drainage is the most perfect in the world, and, so far as physical forms and conditions are concerned, is unquestionably the city's most notable achievement in municipal housekeeping. The city was divided into 12 drainage districts, called "radial systems," the divisions being arranged upon topographical considerations. The sewers of each district were to converge at a common center, at which would be located a receiving basin and steam pumping works. A tunnel was to connect each of these district centers with the reservoirs and pumping works of a sewage farm some miles distant.

All the houses of Berlin are now connected with the new drainage works, which are carrying annually from 75,000,000 to 85,000,000 cubic meters of sewage to be distributed by scientific irrigation over the surface of municipal farms having an aggregate extent of about 27,000 acres, or upward of 38 square miles. Additional land has been bought from time to time. Thus, the past summer an ancient, aristocratic estate of 4,000 acres, the manorial seat of one of Prussia's proudest families, with a fine old chateau and a magnificent park of stately elms around it, was purchased at the price of 4,500,000 marks (about $1,100,000) for no other purpose than to be added to the irrigation district and to be transformed into orchards and wheat fields.

It is interesting to note that the sewage farms of Berlin measure to-day 50 per cent. more in extent than the whole territory on which the city itself stands, and that a capital of altogether $32,000,000 has been expended on the whole Berlin sewage system, including the farms and their improvements and machinery. The farms are, of course, all cleared and tiled, and are now, after the whole venture has been fairly under way, richly productive. Thousands of tons of the finest fruits are annually sold in Berlin stores which were grown on these sewage farms, though I confess that on a visit to these sewage farms not long ago the idea that this unsavory-smelling land had produced, perhaps, the very velvety peaches or the delicate-flavored pears I had yesterday had on my table, was not wholly to my liking.

From an American point of view it is novel to consider a city's drainage works as a self-sustaining or productive enterprise, like its waterworks or its gas works, but it is precisely in that light that Berlin regards it. Before the new system was introduced, the citizens had to pay for the removal of night-soil, etc. So it created no new burden on the citizens when they were required, under the new sewage system, to pay a sewage rate. That is, at a moderate rate, charged against all property served by the new system. The parts of the sewage farms that have been brought under closest cultivation are very profitable and the rest of the land is becoming more and more so year after year. The net income from the entire 38 square miles does not yet pay the full interest on the investment. The fertilizing value of the sewage is so great, and the administration of the farms so superb, that within another five years the investment will have become enormously productive, although the land, when bought, was rather sandy and arid, as most of the soil in the immediate vicinity of Berlin naturally is. Eventually the sewage farms will have earned profit enough to pay back all that was invested in them, and they will then become a source of surplus income that will materially lessen the burdens of the municipal tax-payer. After 1900 a sinking fund will be created, into which annually a portion of the profits from the farms will be paid, and the amount of the loan necessary for the purchase of the land will thus be gradually paid off.

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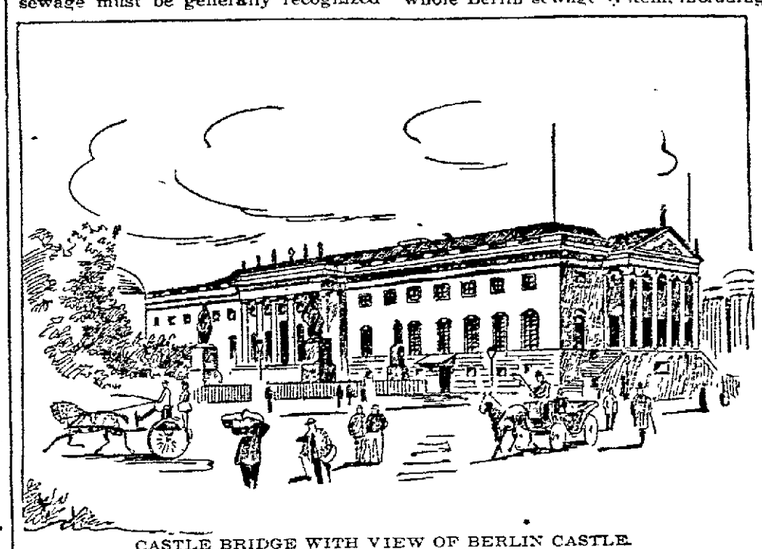

CASTLE BRIDGE WITH VIEW OF BERLIN CASTLE.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, BERLIN.

Richard Proctor's Clever Daughter.

Miss May Proctor, who went recently to Norway for the purpose of taking observations on the eclipse of the sun, is the daughter of the late Richard Proctor, the astronomer, who founded the journal Knowledge. Miss Proctor delivered a series of astronomical lectures during the voyage, which were greatly appreciatd by the young ladies from various colleges who accompanied the party.

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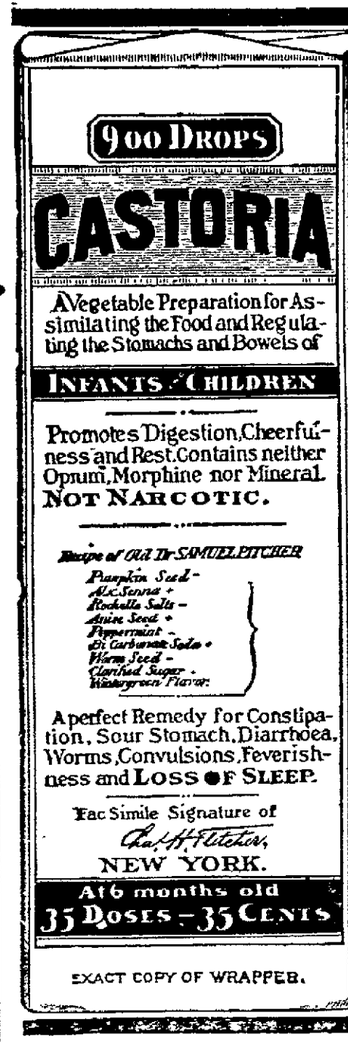
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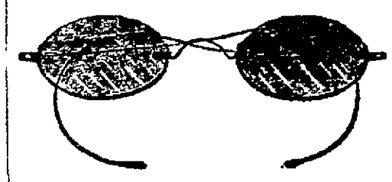

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STARLIGHT.

Many Interesting Personal and Local Notes—Found Cows Very Scarce.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—Miss Edith Racine, who has been stopping at Maplewood for the past month, has returned home.

—Luke Daley and wife have returned to Glen Spey, after spending a few days with his parents in this vicinity.

—Willard Stanton, who was confined to his bed with a severe cold, we are glad to say, is out again.

—William Daley has succeeded in finding his dog, which he lost last week. He was glad to see Daisy come back, as she is a valuable little creature.

—Several in this vicinity are having their threshing done.

—Mrs. Edward McLarner has returned to Starlight, after a pleasant visit to Kiamesha Lake.

—Thomas Kelly, Walt Stanton and Pat Daley spent Saturday hunting. All being excellent marksmen, the game suffered.

—A large number in our little town are complaining of colds.

—William Morgan and M. Kelly were away all last week looking for cattle. They say that cows such as they want are very scarce throughout Sullivan county.

—Misses Essie Dunlap and Lizzie Nolan spent Sunday with Miss Nellie Mahoney, of Mongaup Valley.

Mrs. Rosa Kelly is coming home next week to spend Christmas with her parents.

—School closes next Thursday for a week's vacation. All the children seem glad, for they have worked hard for the past four months and would like a little rest.

—C. B. Hultzlander made a flying trip to Port Jervis, Friday.

WAWAYANDA.

Preparing for Next Year's Farming—The Hoop Pole Industry—A New Business—The Tax Gatherer Abroad.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

—Milton Hawkins, from the Lower Road, has leased the farm of 256 acres owned by Augustus Sargeant, for the coming season.

—John Crawford, a well known resident of this town, has leased for the coming season the fine farm of William H. Wood. Mr. Crawford is a thorough business man, understands his occupation well and is an up to date farmer.

—The wife of Curtis Carter is now very ill from an attack of pleurisy.

—The hoop pole industry, under the operation of Mr. Depew, still continues brisk. To see the big piles of young saplings close by the railroad station ready to be sent to the New York market, a person might suppose this place was headquarters for hoops.

—Another profitable line of business has lately been commenced by a party of men near Centreville in the clearing of a wood lot. A portable steam saw mill is used in sawing the timber into boards and railroad ties. There have already been drawn to the Slate Hill station several hundred ties ready for use when needed.

—Traveling on the highways is now smooth and good, provided horses are kept sharp shod.

—Mr. Strait, the collector of Wawayanda, will meet the taxpayers to receive at one per cent. at the house of William H. Green, at Slate Hill, on the 18th day of January, 1897.

UNIONVILLE.

A Church Fair and Festival—Candidates for the Post Office—Silk Mill has Many Orders.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury

—A church fair and festival will be held in the M. E. Church building on the evenings of Dec. 22d, 23d and 24th. The ladies of the church have made arrangements for a big turnout. They will show a fine line of fancy articles and Christmas toys. Refreshments constantly on tap. Clam chowder Wednesday evening, and oysters all the while. Proceeds for church ornamentation.

—Candidates for the post office are both numerous and hungry.

—No sleighing, but the wheeling is fine.

—The silk mill on the flats is overrun with orders.

—Business generally does not seem to boom.

OTISVILLE.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—On Thursday evening the officers of the M. E. Sunday School will give a tree supper from 7 to 9, at the home of Augustus Ketcham, to all persons whose names are on the secretary's list. For those outside of the school, who wish to come, the small sum of 15 cents will be charged for supper. The treat will be followed by the distribution of presents from the Christmas tree at the church at 9:30 o'clock.

Something to Depend On.

James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La-Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

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Standard of Grain.

Washington, Dec. 22.—In the senate Mr. Gear has submitted a favorable report on the bill to establish a national standard for grain. The bill has the endorsement of the agricultural department, which says it is commendable, and seeks to fix a standard for classifying and grading grains which may be used in interstate and foreign trade, and is only less in importance than the fixing by congress of the standard of weights and measures.

Passed a Wreck at Sea.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The steamer South Portland, here from Aquin, reports she passed on December 15 a wreck bottom up. One hundred and twenty-five feet of the keel was above the water and the centre board projected ten feet. The South Portland also passed a quantity of finished boards, pine deals and a scantling not long in the water.

Dinner to Gov.-elect Black.

Albany, Dec. 22.—Governor Morton will give a dinner to the state officers at the executive mansion on the evening of December 29, in order to allow them to meet Governor-elect Black. The governor will also give a dinner to the members on the governor's staff at the Fort Orange club on the evening of December 31.

Death of Geo. Wm. Cullom.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 22.—General William Cullom, for years representative of the Carthage district in congress, at one time clerk of the house of representatives, and uncle of Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois, died at his home at Clinton yesterday. He was nearly 90 years of age.

Naval News.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Admiral Bunce's flagship, the New York, with the cruiser Maine and the tender Fern, left Tompkinsville yesterday for Fort Monroe, where they will join the battleship Indiana. The Massachusetts, Texas and Montgomery will follow before January 1.

Sold Liquor Illegally.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 22.—In the court of common pleas here yesterday the Gay Brothers, proprietors of the large Majestic hotel which recently went under a receivership, pleaded guilty of illegal sales of liquor and were fined $25 and costs.

New Furs.

The long, heavy fur garments which entirely covered the gown beneath are also out of fashion.

Stock collars made of upstanding tails are another novelty of the hour. With them are sold muffs made entirely of tails and lined with the same color velvet used for the foundation of the stock.

The Victorine, that quaint collarette with long stole ends, is but little worn this year. This may be because last season it was regarded as one of the novelties.

Collarettes are quite as much in vogue as they were last season, only they have changed a trifle in shape. Moufflon in a delicate gray shade makes a most becoming collarette. It is particularly soft and pretty, with a high gray chiffon, accordion-plaited frill, which stands up close around the neck.

The capes are either the most curious or the most elaborate affairs one can imagine. There is one of sealskin, the yoke being outlined by a succession of sables. The heads define the yoke, and each long tab of fur, which represents the animal's body, is finished near the bottom of the cape with three sable tails.—Chicago Record.

—The iron crown of Lombardy takes its name from the fact that within the gold circlet is a strip of iron, supposed to be made of one of the nails of the cross. Napoleon was crowned with this symbol at his coronation as king of Italy.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot duller; no sales. Dec., 86⅞c.; May, 85¾c.

Corn—Spot is firm, with small sales. Dec., 28¾c.; May, 31⅝c.

Oats—Market is quiet and steady. Dec., 21⅝c.; May, 24⅛c.

Eggs—Market remains stationary. State and Pennsylvania, fresh, 21@23c.; ice house, 15@17c.; western, fresh, 20@22c.; limed, 15@16; southern, 20@21.

Butter—Prices are still unchanged. Creamery western extras, 23c.; state and Pennsylvania, extras, 19@23½c.; creamery, western seconds, 18c.; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fresh factory, 13c.; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fall made extras, 19½@20c.; western imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 11@17c.; western factory, firsts to extras, 8½@11c.

Cheese—Prices inactive. State, full cream, large size, fall made, colored, 10½c.; large, common to choice, part skims, 3½@7c.

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JAPAN'S EXPANSION.

How She Feels in Regard to Australia.

The German papers inform England that there are other besides English-speaking races imbued with the desire for new territory. It would be interesting to know in how far our German contemporaries acknowledge the right to expand of nations outside of Europe. Japan, to the horror of the European element in the far east, turns her attention toward the Indian ocean. We condense the following account by Mr. Audley Coote in the Argus, Melbourne:

"While in a car with several Japanese officers they were conversing about Australia, saying that it was a fine, large country, with great forests and excellent soil for the cultivation of rice, coffee, tea and other tropical products. The whites settled in Australia, so thought these officers, are like the dog in the manger. Some one will have to take a good part of Australia to develop it, for it is a pity to see so fine a country lying waste. England is a useful enough nation as an ally to Japan, but if any ill-feeling arose between the two countries it would be a wise thing to send some battleships to Australia and annex part of it. I found that this is the prevalent opinion in Japan, and it is certainly not surprising that this small country, teeming with its 45,000,000, should regard Australia, with only 4,000,000, with a certain amount of covetousness."

Commenting upon this, the Argus says:

"We have not formulated or even discussed any rational policy to guide us in our dealings with these eastern neighbors; consequently the attitude of Australia must be one of simple aloofness. Mr. Coote's tidings are an eloquent homily to Queensland as to the necessity for federation and a reminder to the colonies generally how precarious the position of Australia would be were it not an integral part of the British empire. While that is so menace can only arise to Australia in the event of a great war in which the naval strength of the empire is overtaxed. In such a case Japan, enrolled upon the side of England's enemies, would be an important factor in the sum from the Australian point of view."

The Australians, therefore, like the Spaniards, are not inclined to do more than take note of the fact that danger may threaten them from Japan. It is different with the Dutch. They talk of taking the bull by the horns. Prof. Schlegel writes in the Dagblad, The Hague, as follows:

"The only way to guard against attacks upon the colonies by the Japanese is to drive them out of Formosa. Holland must take possession of Formosa. The remembrance of Dutch rule has not yet been eradicated in that island, and both Chinese and natives would welcome our return as putting an end to the reigning anarchy. True, Japan would not voluntarily give up the island. But that is not necessary. Perhaps Russia and France, and even England, would join Holland in dispossessing the Japanese. The seed sown by Dutch ministers and teachers two centuries ago would then speedily bear fruit."—Literary Digest.

HOW CHILDREN ARE SPOILED.

The Young Mother Fosters Ugly Traits by Injudicious Management.

The dangers that cluster about the untried feet of the young mother begin from the very first dawning of her babe's intelligence. Long before she dreams of his knowing anything or receiving mental impressions, the seeds are sowing for good or ill in his character. I have watched the growth of weeds that, with the lightest touch, might have been flipped away from the tender soil, but time passed by and the intruder flourished apace. Get control of your child during the first three years and you are sure of him. If the habit of obedience and deference is firmly rooted then he will never fail you in after years when he has slipped the apron leash.

The trouble is too often with the parents. The mother herself fosters ugly traits by injudicious management. Her baby refuses to kiss her. She makes believe to cry about it and thus gives a lesson that will soon have him crying for what he wants. He bumps his head and she whips the door or whatever it was that hurt him, thus teaching him to be combative and spiteful. What is it that makes nearly all children liars and many of them thieves? They are trained to be so by the unconscious fingers that point the way. The mother promises anything, everything to keep peace and avoid a combat with the little creature, who even now is beyond her control. She does not fulfill these promises and the child becomes her judge. Never tell a lie to a child, or in any way deceive him, if you would hope to get the proper influence. Do not rob him of the happiness of supreme trust in you. It will cling to him through life. —Ladies' Home Companion.

—Sedan, where Emperor Napoleon III. surrendered himself and his army to the Germans, is a small fortified town of the French department of Ardennes, 130 miles northeast of Paris. It is famous for having been the place where the Sedan chair was invented and first used

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Many unkind things are said and done in politics, but we recall nothing as unkind as Tom Platt's statement that if David B. Hill had "returned from Chicago and rolled up his sleeves and fought for the honor of his country instead of sitting on the fence and grinning, we terrible Republicans might have returned David B. to the United States Senate."

The Senators who, a few days ago, were so anxious for Cuban independence that they were willing to run the risk of precipitating a war with Spain now seem to have lost all interest in Cuba. They are devoting all their energies to proving by the wagging of their tongues that the legislative branch of the government has a great deal more power than the executive.

The Milk Exchange has evidently no sense of humor or it would not have sent its lawyer to the milk producers' meeting, yesterday, to warn them that if they organized for mutual protection and the advancement of their mutual interests they would be forming a trust and would become liable to all kinds of penalties. There has been nothing like it since the devil turned preacher. Yet the anxiety of the Exchange to prevent the organization of the farmers emphasizes the necessity of just such a step as the farmers are taking. Without organization they are easy victims. With an effective organization they would have a voice in fixing prices and that is the one thing above all others that the Exchange does not want.

The Broome county schools are to be supplied with text books containing full accounts of the part taken by soldiers from that county in the war of the rebellion, the object being to impress more firmly on the minds of pupils the lessons of patriotism which come from close acquaintance with the causes that inspired it and the men who exhibited it. The idea is an excellent one and might with advantage be adopted in this county. Orange county is rich in historic memories and a pupil who really knows the history of Orange county will have a very fair knowledge of the history of the United States. And it is undeniably true that history studied from a local standpoint is more easily learned and more certainly remembered than when studied in any other way.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Firemen's Relief and Benefit Association —A Prosperous Young Organization.

The first annual meeting of the Firemen's Relief and Benefit Association was held last evening. The following officers were elected.

President—T. A. March.
Vice President—E. A. Lorentz
Secretary—Carl Johnson
Treasurer—Charles Higham
Trustee—Wm Pohlman.

The association was organized Dec. 16, 1895 with twenty-three charter members and during the year has added nineteen members making a total membership of 116. It has $320 in the treasurer after paying out in sick benefits during the year the sum of $140, five members having received benefits.

The association pays a sick benefit of $5 per week for thirteen weeks and $2 per week for the next thirteen weeks

Wallkill Council, Royal Templars of Temperance.

At the regular meeting of Wallkill Council, No 57, Royal Templars of Temperance, the following officers were elected

Past Councillor—Frank Tannery
Sr " —H D Hopkins
Vice " —Moses Timbrell.
Rec Sec—J M Bunk.
Fin. Sec.—A H Reed
Treas—W H Foster
Chaplain—M C Freer.
Herald—Louis Musgrave.
Guard—M B Perine.
Sentinel—James McGarvey
Trustee—M C. Freer.
Organist—Edith Hopkins
Reporter—James McGarvey.

Midland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

The annual meeting and election of officers of Midland Chapter, R. A. M., was held last evening, resulting as follows:

High Priest—C. W. Rodgers.
King—H. A. Kingsland
Scribe—W. T. Seaman
Treasurer—S. G. Beyea.
Secretary—J. A. Wallace.
Trustee—C. R. Smith

The installation will occur Jan. 4th, 1897.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and $1.00 per bottle at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug store.

Dr. Miles' NERVE PLASTERS cure RHEUMATISM, WEAK BACKS. At druggists, only 25c

OBITUARY.

Lizzie White.

Dougherty & Reilly, undertakers, received, this afternoon, a dispatch announcing the death at noon to-day, at her home in New York city, of Miss Lizzie White, formerly of this city. The body will be brought here for interment and a notice of the funeral will appear later.

Phœbe A. Harding.

E. R. Harding received a paper, to-day, containing the news of the death in San Francisco, Dec. 1st, of Mrs. Phœbe A. Harding, widow of the late Col. T. A. Harding, formerly of this city. Mrs. Harding was a daughter of Elisha Cadwell, and a sister of the late Harvey R. Cadwell, of Otisville. She was a cousin of E. R. Harding and also of Mrs. Harding.

Mrs. S. H. Reynolds.

Mrs. S. H. Reynolds, mother of A. C. Reynolds, of the O. and W., died this afternoon, at 1:15, at her home, No. 11 Beacon street.

She has been confined to the house for the past fifteen months, a stroke of paralysis being the main cause. Last July a second stroke of paralysis came, which extended over the right side. Since then she fell and broke her hip while trying to get around her room, and has not since been able to leave her bed. Saturday another stroke came, and since then she has been unconscious.

Mrs. Reynolds was born in Monticello, Nov. 4, 1839. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. John G. Childs. She married Samuel H. Reynolds at Rosendale, about thirty-two years ago. A. C. Reynolds is the only surviving child with the bereaved husband. One son died in infancy.

Also surviving are three brothers and one sister: A. Grant Childs, of Cornwall; A. P. Childs, of Wayne, Neb.; J. E. Childs, General Manager of the Ontario and Western Railroad, and Mrs. A. P. Cook, of Olean, N. Y.

Mrs. Reynolds was a conscientious member of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a woman of refinement and education, whose sufferings in her illness were the source of pain and sorrow in the household. Death to her seemed a relief, and she has gone to a better home.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Nathaniel R. Denton.

Nathaniel R. Denton, a well known and highly respected resident of this city, died at his home, No. 4 Lincoln street, yesterday afternoon, of bronchitis, complicated with other diseases.

He had been afflicted with bronchial troubles for several years more or less. Last August he had the misfortune to break his collar bone and failed gradually until about two weeks ago when he took to his bed. His family had no thought that his end was so near until shortly before his death when he was seized with a congestive chill.

Mr. Denton was born at Pine Island, this county, seventy-three years ago today, and his family were looking forward to his anniversary day when the great change came.

He was a blacksmith and worked at his trade until compelled to give up on account of ill health a short time ago. Most of his life was spent in the town of Warwick, ten years of the time in Florida. He also resided at Denton a few years and came to this city nine years ago. His shop was on Canal street near Fulton.

He was married in Honesdale in 1848 to Louise Cole, who survives him. Seven children were born to them, only two of whom are living. These are Grace, wife of George Mold, of this city, and Sarah, wife of Andrew Budd, of Otisville.

Mr Denton was the last of a large family of children. A brother, Dr. Denton, died in Honesdale, several years ago, and a sister, Mrs. Louise Basset died in Providence, R. I., about a year ago.

The funeral will take place at his late residence, No. 4 Lincoln street, on Thursday, at 9:30 a. m. The interment will be in the family plot in Florida

PROBABLY NEEDLESS SYMPATHY

Training a Dog to the Gun Misconstrued by Kind-hearted Citizens.

There is considerable indignation in the vicinity of Monhagen avenue over the conduct of two men, who it is said were seen to shoot at least a dozen times at a dog near the mill pond, on Saturday. The animal whined and moaned, and it was supposed that he had been wounded several times, and was being tortured to death by bad marksmen.

As no one saw the dog killed, or knows it to be dead, and it stood up at command when the men were ready to fire, it is probable that the animal was merely being trained to bear the noise of the gun without fear, and was not harmed in the least.

Piles Cured in 3 to 6 Nights.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment will cure all cases of Itching Piles in from 3 to 6 nights. One application brings comfort. For Blind and Bleeding Piles it is peerless. Also cures Tetter, Salt Rheum, Eczema, Barber's Itch and all eruptions of the skin. 35 cents

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig lamps." W. D. Olney.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

UNEASY FEELING IN CHICAGO.

A Heavy Run on the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank—Lack of Confidence the Cause.

BY UNITED PRESS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22—There is a heavy run on the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank. The only apparent cause is lack of confidence owing to yesterday's failures. The bank has heavy reserve funds in its vault and is able to pay millions. It does the largest trust and savings business here and has a capital and surplus of $4,000,000, and has no connection whatever, with the National Bank of Illinois.

P. D. Armour is said to have offered the bank $2,000,000 in cash if it needs it.

The run on the Garden City Bank and Trust Company practically ceased at noon.

POISONED BY CANNED HEAD CHEESE.

Twenty-five Cavalrymen Made Very Sick —Four Cases Serious.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WEST POINT, Dec. 22.—Twenty-five men of the cavalry detachment here are very sick from ptomaine poisoning, caused by eating canned headcheese, last evening. Four cases are serious. The entire medical force of the post is on duty.

A ST. PAUL BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

BY UNITED PRESS.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 22.—The bank of Minnesota, closed its doors to-day. Lack of ready money is the cause. According to the last report the deposits were $2,646,000, paid up capital $600,000, surplus $100,000.

A $150,000 FIRE IN BUFFALO.

BY UNITED PRESS.

BUFFALO, Dec. 22.—Walbridge & Co.'s mammoth hardware and house furnishing establishment and the Jewett building adjoining, were damaged by fire, this morning. Loss $150,000.

COLD WEATHER IN NORTHERN NEW YORK.

BY UNITED PRESS.

SARATOGA, Dec. 22.—The lowest temperature of this winter was reported in the Adiroudacks, this morning. At one place the mercury was 23° below zero.

TROOPS TO FIGHT GARCIA.

BY UNITED PRESS.

HAVANA, Dec. 22.—Three thousand troops have sailed for Manzanilla to assist forces near there in an attack on the rebels under Garcia.

Business Change.

Fummett Crawford, of Howells, has sold out his general store to N. B Horton, who has taken possession.

Nerve

Excitement, overwork and worry are ruining the health of thousands of women. Pure Blood is required to feed the nerves, a good appetite and digestive strength are demanded to keep the body strong and vigorous, and to restore the exhausted energies there must be sound and refreshing

Sleep

By its power to respond to all these needs Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved itself the greatest friend of women. Thousands write that they have been given health and strength by its use. It is the great blood purifier, and consequently the true nerve tonic.

"I feel that I should be wanting in common gratitude should I fail to tell the benefit my wife has derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla. She became seriously ill from running ulcers, caused by poorness of

Blood

and was strongly advised by a friend to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. She said it had cured her and would no doubt cure my wife. So we tried it, and to say that its effect is wonderful, is only using a mild expression. It appears to be building up a new constitution for her; and as we are a family of eleven, there are eleven of us rejoicing at the result.

"If the foregoing induces only one person, suffering in the same manner, to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, I shall feel more than rewarded." ELIJAH PACKER, 585 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills and Sick Headache. 25 cents.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns are quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. W. D. Olney.

CARSON & TOWNER.

BARGAINS IN LADIES' JACKETS!

suitable for Holiday Gifts, at $4.79 each, formerly $6 to $9 each; at $7, formerly sold at $10. For Gents—Traveling Bags, Leather Comb and Brush Cases, Umbrellas and Gloves. Special values in Linen Cloths and Napkins. Do not forget our Kid Glove Department—The Lorient at $1, the Neptune at $1 25 cannot be equalled. We warrant them. They make suitable Holiday Gifts.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

THERE IS A SURPRISE IN STORE.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have just received the New Holiday Hat—the Princeton. Fur Caps, Seal and Nutra Cloth Caps in endless variety.

Ready Made Clothing, Ulsters, Overcoats

and HEAVY SUITS. Owing to the lateness of the season, we will start in Dec. 1st to make special inducements to buyers in order to close out our heavy stock. Underwear, Cardigan Jackets, Sweaters and Jersey Coats. Elegant line of Neckwear, Suspenders, Gloves, fur and fur lined; Mittens and Dress Kid Gloves. MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT—We are still busy. We keep up our stock of Suitings, Overcoatings and Trouserings, which enables customers to make a good selection. Our Dress Suits have met with great success. Mr. Rodgers pleases all. Look at our fine line of Trunks, Satchels, Dress Suit Cases and Telescope Boxes, Mackintosh Coats, Umbrellas and Canes.

JOHN E. ADAMS,

Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

HOLIDAY GOODS!

Have the Call from This Date to Jan. 1st.

—We have a great display of Novelties in silver, celluloid, gold, aluminum, etc.

—Prices from 10c to $1; such prices as only the present "honest dollar" could produce.

—We have prepared a line of Dress Goods, for children's wear, at special reductions for the holiday season only.

—See our window.

—We have the Handkerchief stock of the season. Come and see it.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,

No. 39 North Street.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

Saratoga Chips, Christmas Candies, Olives, Plum Pudding, Cape Cod Cranberries, Malaga and Catawba Grapes, Oranges, Bananas, Nuts, Candies, Fancy Table Raisins, Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, Leggett's Old Fashioned Pie Crust.

GOOD GOODS CHEAP.

BROSS & MUNDY,

TELEPHONE 39—19. 42 NORTH ST

Periodicals on Cash Sales.

SAMUEL LIPFELD,

No. 25 North Street.

We are showing the largest assortment of Holiday Goods shown in the city, consisting of

NECKWEAR,
GLOVES,
UMBRELLAS,
SUSPENDERS,
HANDKERCHIEFS,
COLLARS,
CUFFS,
SMOKING JACKETS

at prices that will astonish you. Give us a call.

SAMUEL LIPFELD

25 North St

To-Day and Christmas Week!

we call attention to a few lines of goods that are seasonable, and which we propose to make a drive on, that is bound to attract your attention

Handkerchiefs.

200 different styles to select from. Name your price, we have them.

Pocketbooks.

The largest assortment to be found this side of New York city. These at special prices for the week.

Umbrellas.

One of the most useful of presents. We have them to suit everyone; styles and prices to suit all pocketbooks.

Coats and Capes.

Here is the place to buy. Until Christmas we will sell all Coats and Capes at a discount of 20 per cent. from the regular price. Remember these are all new, fresh garments of this season's manufacture.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

Try Monhagen Buckwheat Flour.

Absolutely Pure. Made by

HOUSTON BROS.

Props. of Monhagen Mills.

Mills 62-66 Mill St.

STORE—CORNER NORTH AND DEPOT SRREETS.

Peter Oliverio, No. 9 James St.

New Tailoring Establishment.

For this month only we offer a Suit or Overcoat, made to order, for

NO MORE—$16—NO LESS

The best material furnished and first-class work Cleaning and Repairing at a nominal price. Give your order in time.

Remember the Place. 9 James Street

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HANFORD & HORTON.

? A question, perhaps, what to buy, but none as to where to buy it.

Our enlarged store and capable assistants care readily for our daily crowd of customers.

Books for all ages, in sets and single volumes, from paper to tree calf bindings.

A multitude of other things suitable for gifts

Have you seen our line of fine Pocketbooks?

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

GENTLEMEN'S SMOKING JACKETS

suitable for Christmas Gifts.

Ulsters and Overcoats at Reduced Prices.

HOLIDAY NECKWEAR AND FURNISHINGS

Men's Silk Suspenders.

Evening Dress Shields.

Plush and Seal Caps.

We give free with all Children's Suits a Small Wagon.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

I sell dry wood, always kept under shelter. You can be sure of a dry article at

E. H. GREGORY'S.

Telephonecall 129.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

"The Hub" Shoe Store,

13 West Main Street.

Men's Embroidered Slippers 50, 65c a pair and up.

Men's Tan and Black Slippers 75c and $1.

Men's Tan and Black Elastic Side Slippers $1.25 a pair.

Rubber and Felt Boots, Overshoes, all at low prices.

PRESENTS FOR MEN.

We have the useful goods which are appreciated for men or boys—Suits, Overcoats, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Gloves, Caps, Silk Suspenders, House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Velvet Vests, Children's Leggings, etc.

Elegant Neckwear 25c., others charge 50c
Good Neckwear 15c., others charge 25c.
Initial Handkerchiefs 15c.
Silk Suspenders 50c.

Morris B. Wolf,

Blue Front Store,

10 North Street

C. E. CRAWFORD FURNITURE CO.

ONCE MORE

we say it. Don't go to New York this year to buy your Christmas Presents until you have taken a day off and examined the mammoth assortment of the C. E. Crawford Furniture Co.

Bric-a-Brac galore, Pictures—Art Gallery "out of sight," Furniture by the car load and Crockery for the millions.

C. E. Crawford Furniture Co.

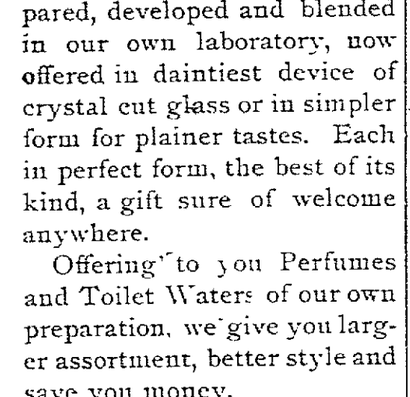
44-46 North Street, Middletown.

Summer Fragrance at Christmas Time!

That's a pretty thought for a gift! Exquisite Perfume of Roses, Violets Jasmine, Arbutus, Heliotrope and many other buds and blossoms prepared, developed and blended in our own laboratory, now offered in daintiest device of crystal cut glass or in simpler form for plainer tastes. Each in perfect form, the best of its kind, a gift sure of welcome anywhere.

Offering to you Perfumes and Toilet Waters of our own preparation, we give you larger assortment, better style and save you money.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St and 138 North St (North Side Pharmacy)



If careful selections of the newest and best novelties in Christmas gifts, and a uniform scale of low prices will be an inducement to holiday shoppers, then one and all should pay us a visit before they buy. We have taken great pains to provide desirable selections for all kinds of people and have been equally careful to make the prices right.

7 West Main Street, Middletown.

Fancher's

DAILY ARGUS.

TUESDAY, DEC. 22, 1896.

OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Cloudy and probably light snow, followed by clearing during Wednesday; not so cold; southwesterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., **22°**; 12 m., **26°**; 3 p. m., **27°**.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

—Dec. 21, 22—"The Mikado," at the Casino.
—Dec. 24—Ball of Umpqua Lodge, at Assembly Rooms
—Dec 28—"Peck's Bad Boy," at Casino.
—Jan. 1—Masquerade ball, at Casino.
—Jan. 1, 15, 29—Bachelor Club hops

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Sausage and pork 10c at Greening's
—Trimmed hats cheap at Frank Crawford's
—California hams 9c at Greening's
—Oysters at Totten's restaurant
—Nice line of handkerchiefs at F Crawford's.
—Turkeys cheap at Greening's
—Presents for men at Morris Wolf's.
—Spring chickens at Greening's.
—Teachers' examinations.
—For Christmas See adv of Bross & Mundy
—Ladies' cloaks cheap at L Stern's.
—Boy wanted at this office.
—Christmas presents at Matthews & Co.'s.
—Furs cheap at Geo. B. Adams'.
—A question See Hanford & Horton's adv.
—Nice goods at Ball & Youngblood's

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—"Black Crook" at the Casino, Christmas night.

—Don't fail to see "Black Crook" at the Casino, Christmas

—"Peck's Bad Boy" will be produced at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—Many robberies and burglaries have been reported to the Paterson police during the past few days.

—Cars will be at the Casino, to-night, to accommodate the members of the chorus who will be unable to take the regular theatre cars.

—The excavation for the foundation of the Armour Packing Co.'s building on Union street is about completed and work on the foundation walls has been commenced.

—The Sunday School of the North Street Congregational Church will hold its Christmas exercises Thursday evening. There will be an entertainment and refreshments.

—The New Jersey Electric Railway Co. has arranged to equip its line between Paterson and Hoboken with eighteen telephones by means of which the movement of cars will be controlled from the head office.

—George Lea's masquerade ball at the Casino, New Years's night, is likely to be the largest and most successful affair of the kind ever held in this city There will be very sharp competition for the many prizes offered Tickets are now on sale at H. S Dusenberry & Son's

PERSONAL.

—Daniel Dougherty is home from Manhattan College for the holiday vacation.

—Miss Mabel Martin returned last night, from school at Oneonta and will spend the holidays with her parents

—Miss Eloise Harding, who is a student at Cornell University is expected home, this evening, to spend the holiday vacation with her parents

—E. A. Wiggins assistant traveling auditor of the Erie, spent last night at the residence of his brother, J L Wiggins, on Highland avenue

—A W P Fitzsimmons, manager of the Middletown celery gardens, and his wife, left town, to-day for Tecumseh, Mich., their former home, to spend the holidays.

—Guy C. Shults and wife, of Mahaffey, Pa., are visiting at the residence of J. B Van Gelder, 47 Washington street. Mr. Shults is connected with the management of the Pittsburg and Eastern Railway Company, whose head offices are located at Mahaffey

—Mrs James J. Kirkpatrick, of South street, was called to Brooklyn, to-day, on account of the sickness of her brother, Smith Bookstaver, who had a stroke of paralysis, a few days ago Many years ago he was a compositor in the Orange County *Press* under J. W Hasbrouck.

Rumored Drowning Accident.

There was a rumor about town, last night and this morning, to the effect that a boy had been drowned in the mill pond. There seems to have been no foundation for the rumor than that a boy broke through the ice last Saturday night.

Erie Buys O. and W. Coal.

The Erie Railroad Co has purchased of the O. and W. 2,500 tons of buckwheat coal, with which to supply the demands of its customers. Fourteen carloads were delivered, to-day. This size of coal is used in the furnaces of many of the large manufacturing concerns.

Ate Too Much Corn and Died

A horse belonging to Egbert Crans, of the firm of Crans & Decker, managed to get to a barrell of shelled corn in the stable, last night, and ate about a peck of the grain. It died in less than an hour.

A Change of Proprietors.

John DeGraw has sold the business of the Arlington Hotel, corner of Wickham and Low avenues, to George Le Roy, of Liberty, who took possession yesterday.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

"THE MIKADO."

Its First Performance a Very Great Success—A Large and Well Pleased Audience—Some of the Features of the Performance.

The first performance of "The Mikado," given under the direction of Chas. T. Payne, at the Casino, last night, for the benefit of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Co. was a very pronounced success. There were, it is true, a few minor defects that a carping critic might find fault with, but there were no carping critics in the audience. The curtain rose promptly on time; there were no hitches and delays such as often mar amateur performances; none of the singers forgot their lines; the stage was handsomely set and decorated; the costumes were striking and effective, some of the make-ups were so fearful and wonderful that the audience had no little difficulty in picking out friends and acquaintances; many of the characters scored very distinct successes and were heartily encored and the whole opera was given with a life, dash and spirit that lifted the audience, which was at first a trifle cold, completely out of itself, and last night and to-day nothing but words of praise for the performance have been heard.

The cast was as follows:

The Mikado of Japan ..... David D Eisenberger
Nanki-Poo, his son disguised as a wandering minstrel and in love with Yum Yum ..... Miss L. Chartuel Pillsbury
Ko-Ko, Lord High Executioner of Titipa ..... Charles T Payne
Pooh-Bah, Lord High Everything Else ..... A. E Nickinson
Pish Tush, A Noble Lord ..... Chas A Whitney
Yum Yum } Three Sisters } Miss Annie L Howland
Pitti Sing } Wards of } Miss Carrie Howland
Peep Bo } Ko-Ko } Mrs S T. Chapman
Katisha, an elderly lady in love with Nanki-Poo ..... Mrs D H Arthur
Nee Ban, Lord High Umbrella Toter ..... W N. Knapp

The chorus was made up of the following ladies and gentlemen:

LADIES OF JAPAN

Mesdames B. B. Williams, E. E. Conkling, C. H. Emde, M. C Ashley, A. E. Nickinson, L G. Wilson, F. O. Tompkins, A. W. Sweezy, J. E. Gibbs, J D. Wood, Clarence H. Sweezy, W. W Clark, S. D. Horton: Misses Ethel Davis, Hattie Bryant, Katherine Iseman, Nellie Lyon, Sadie Slater, Catherine Campbell, Helene Bicknell, Louisa Storch, Jennie Ogden, Clarabel Gardner, Mary Skinner, Myra Mapes, Theresa Wisner, Margaret Mills, Jennie Myers, Emma Wolf

GENTLEMEN OF JAPAN

Messrs. Z. K. Greene, T. Ed. Hayes, H. M Hayes, A. H. Wisner, Dr. W E. Douglas, C. O. Brinkerhoff, P. G. Whitlock, G. B Frint, Dr. A. W. Sweezy, A. L. Decker, J. E Decker, J F. Korn, C. H. Emde, S. D Horton, C H Fuller, C. A. Adams, B. F. Platt, W F Bailey, Frank Harding, E. E Conkling W W Woodhead, C. H Sweezy, J E. Gibbs, C. C Bogart.

Mr Payne, as Lord High Executioner, scored the most distinct success of the evening He sings well and acts well and he looks as well as acts his part That as smooth and finished a performance was given after only three weeks' rehearsal shows that he is master of the art of giving such entertainments and possesses the gift of training singers and teaching stage novices how to act

Mr Nickinson was a most admirable Pooh-Bah He was thoroughly at home on the stage, sang as if he had been a pupil of the masters of the art, was up in every detail of his part, had no end of "funny business" at his command and added much to the success of the affair

Mr Eisenberger made a good Mikado. His fine tenor voice was heard to excellent advantage in the song, They Never Will Be Missed

Mr Whitney as Pish-Tush made a very decided hit He bore himself with the dignity befitting a noble lord and sang with such accuracy and precision that he bore off his full share of the musical honors of the evening His voice full and true, was heard to advantage in his solos and added much to the effect of the madrigal song, which was the musical gem of the evening.

Mr. Knapp can "give cards and spades and big casino" to all the Lord High Umbrella Toters that ever appeared on any stage His make up was a marvel of the scene painters' art and the supple hinges of his knees" bent in so many different directions that it was not easy to follow his gyrations. The specialty introduced in the second act, when he and his four sons sang a comic song, convulsed the audience and won the heartiest applause of the evening

Miss Pillsbury scored a success in the difficult part of Nanki-Poo She sang well and her voice seemed unusually clear and strong She made a most charming looking boy, and if she should ever be reincarnated as a boy there is reason to fear that she would play havoc with the hearts of other maidens than Yum-Yum. She acted with an ease, grace and naturalness that is not often surpassed upon the professional stage

Mrs. Arthur made an ideal Katisha. She sank her individuality entirely in her part, and sang and acted with such life and spirit that she captured her audience. Her song and dance with Ko-Ko was one of the features of the performance and was most enthusiastically encored.

Miss Carrie Howland as Pitti-Sing, one of the little maids from school, was from the start a favorite with the audience. Her voice was not at its best, but it was clear and sweet. Her stage presence was excellent and her acting was beyond criticism, and as for her toddling, there wasn't a toddle that toddled anywhere near it.

Miss Anna L. Howland, as Yum Yum, won her full share of the honors of the evening. Her voice was sweet and true, and reached the high notes without effort.

Mrs. Cleneman, as Peep-Bo, the third little maid from school, sang well and acted with ease and naturalness.

The large choruses added more than a little to the effectiveness of the performance. When the curtain first rose the male chorus showed some signs of nervousness, which was undoubtedly due in part to the fact that they felt anything but at ease in their Jap costumes. They might, however, have been a great deal more nervous without many in the audience noticing it, for nine out of every ten persons in the audience were so intent on trying to identify the singers that they had no senses left for anything else.

Between the acts, Bartholomew, the florist, who furnished the plants used in the stage decoration, distributed clusters of pinks to the ladies in the audience. At to night's performance Rowley, the caterer, will distribute souvenirs.

Last night's audience was one of the largest that has assembled at the Casino in a long time, but the audience that will gather to-night is certain to be larger. It is reasonable to expect that to-night's performance will be an improvement on that of last night, but even if it is not no one will be disappointed or dissatisfied.

BEFORE THE RECORDER.

A Forgiving Wife—A Plain Drunk.

Mrs. Andrew Henson was crying about the streets, last night, looking for an officer When she found one she asked him to go to her house and arrest her husband, who she said had beaten her and then thrown her out of doors. The officer arrested Henson and locked him up, his wife promising to enter a formal complaint against him this morning. Instead, however, she came to court to plead with the Recorder for his release. Henson was discharged and Capt. Gould says if he throws his wife out of doors again she need not apply to the police for redress.

A man from Johnson came to town, yesterday, and became intoxicated. As he says he had but two drinks, he probably encountered some very vile stuff. He was discharged

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

An Old O. and W. Engineer Dies Very Suddenly of Heart Disease.

Information has been received in this city to the effect that Frank Gadwood was found dead in bed at his home in Scranton, yesterday morning

He was an engineer employed on the O. and W.'s Scranton Branch. He was formerly employed on the middle division and resided in this city for many years

He leaves a wife and several children one of whom, William, is also an engineer on the Scranton Branch

Mr Gadwood left Middletown several years ago, but will be remembered by many, for he possessed those qualities that made warm and lasting friends.

Monthly Meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Congregational Church.

The regular monthly meeting of the Y P S C E of the First Congregational Church was held last evening, and was well attended.

Reports of the various committees were read The Treasurer's report showed a snug balance in the treasury

The president was authorized to appoint a floral committee to look after the decorations of the church for the next six months

Dr. Danforth Held on a Charge of Arson

Dr. Danforth a former patient in the Middletown Hospital, who set fire to his clothing and furniture, last Wednesday morning, while under the influence of drugs and liquor, was discharged from Bellevue Hospital and held in $2 500 bail on the charge of arson yesterday His mental condition will now be inquired into.

The New Erie Depot

The capstone of the chimney of the new Erie depot was laid this morning This nearly completes the exterior work of the masons The carpenters are in possession and are pushing their work forward at a rapid rate. The rooms have been studded off, floors laid in a portion of the building and the express and baggage rooms are being ceiled with Georgia pine

Where Hard Times Drive Men to Suicide

From the Newburgh Telegram

And how do men stand the pressure? (of the hard times) Well, they don't stand it at all A presumably accidental death in the town of Newburgh, not long ago, was a suicide A presumably accidental death in the town of Marlboro was a suicide Newburgh city had an unquestioned suicide ten days ago

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

A Private Masquerade—"Messiah" Tickets—Get Shaved Christmas Eve—Leap Year Ball—Masons Elect Officers—Endeavorers' Praise Meeting.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—Miss Virginia Stewart will tender a masquerade dance to a number of her friends at her home on South street, tomorrow evening, from 8.30 to 12 o'clock.

—The "Messiah" tickets can yet be obtained at C. E. Millspaugh's. But a limited number remain to be disposed of.

—Goshen barber shops will remain closed all day Christmas They will remain open one hour later than usual on Thursday evening, closing at 9:30 o'clock.

—The leap year ball to be given by the Young Ladies' Society of St. John's Church, on the evening of Thursday, Dec 31st, promises to be a very enjoyable affair

—Orange Lodge, I O O F, will meet to-night.

—Goshen Lodge, No. 365, F. and A. M., elected officers, last evening. D. D. G M. George W. Peck, of Newburgh, was present and addressed the meeting F D. Hill, of Newark, N J., who is the retiring master, and several other visitors, were present.

—On Thursday afternoon the members of the junior Y P S C E will meet in the Presbyterian chapel. A praise service, led by Rev. R. B. Clark, will be followed by a five-cent Christmas tree. Every member is expected to bring a present costing not more than five cents

TO PREVENT OUTSIDE COMPETITION

Why the Armour Company is Building a Refrigerator Here—Lower Prices Not Likely But We May Get Better Meat.

If any one has fondly believed that the erection of a second refrigerator for the sale of Chicago meat in this city would be the means of reducing prices, he or she may as well get rid of such a notion at once On the contrary it is generally believed that the object of the Armour Company in coming to Middletown is not to enter into actual competition with the Swift Company, but to shut out others who might attempt to compete with the old concern The Swift and Armour companies are members of what is called the "Big Four," or four large concerns that practically control the meat business throughout the country There are a few concerns outside of the combination, however which presume to compete with the big companies and they are not allowed to get into the smaller cities if it can be helped

It is claimed, however, that while the Swifts and Armours belong to the combine each has its individual interests and each will try to secure as much trade as possible and while no material reduction in prices may be expected, it is probable that Middletown will be served with a better quality of meat

Preparing to Play the Role of Santa Claus.

A woman who was standing in a wagon in front of a North street store, this morning, and packing sleds, dolls and other Christmas purchases into a large sack was so evidently preparing to smuggle her purchases home and do the Santa Claus act on Christmas Eve, that very few passers by who noticed what was going on could refrain from a good natured smile.

Indians to Dance

Umpqua Tribe, I. O. R. M., will hold its first annual ball at the Assembly Rooms, on Thursday evening (Christmas Eve) Only a limited number of tickets will be sold. The price is fifty cents, and one ticket will admit lady and gentleman

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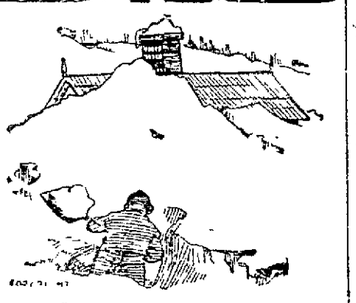

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Up from her slumbers she will spring
To do her little peeping
It's really fun, so folks aver,
To see her daily dodging;
A matrimonial spat to her
Is food and drink and lodging.
And should some husband come home late,
O'ercome with curious capers,
He might as well proclaim his state
In all the daily papers.
She'll tell you what the lovers say
When on the steps they're spooning,
And each piano, far away,
That stands in need of tuning.
About her knowledge of affairs
She often grows elated,
And seems to know most everything—
Except just how she's hated.

—N. Y. Recorder.

ERRORS.

Errors in matters which either are history, or one day will be such, are grievously common. Men who ought to know better make most remarkable statements about things, and then wonder at the derision they excite. For instance, at one of the noon-day political meetings a hectic gentleman who seemed to be right in the confidence of a great many great men, and who told about them with rapid-fire speech, took up the question of the United States army, and declared that it isn't anything like the army of Valley Forge and Bunker Hill, but that it has dwindled to a sort of select dancing club in blue clothes. He suggested that there are no campaigns any more. He alluded to certain occasions when he charged that the army had set out to conquer two dollars' worth of coffee-cooling Indians and had spent $12,000,000 in doing it, the chief result being to give several regiments outing vacations in good trout countries. The speaker kept on at this rate and was applauded right along. Intoxicated by the success of his generalities, he committed the error of particularization. He declared that, "for instance, the recent alleged outbreak in Jackson's Hole was a war without bloodshed, in which no man was injured or rendered uncomfortable."

This is a great error, as can readily be proved by consulting with William Crary. Mr. Crary is a young man who lives in a once-booming town, where he sold real estate in an addition called Halcyon Heights—a poetic place, with a brickyard in it and a great future and a big cornfield before it. Mr. Crary is a man who is always out after experience, and when the first intimation came from Jackson's Hole that there was a chance for an aspiring coroner up that way, he decided to go out and look at the killing and get some souvenirs. He arrived in Rexburg with a determination to sell his life as dearly as possible, and to get a good assortment of kodak pictures in furtherance of the transaction.

At Rexburg appeared one Lewis, an elector in the precinct, who represented that the horse he offered for sale was kind and gentle, and also rapid. Crary had bought his fare in the stage, but the opportunity to purchase a horse might not present itself later, so he bundled his cargo upon the vehicle, and, with the assurance that he would tell Gen. Coppinger, who was somewhere over near the foothills—that a stageful of lieutenants was coming, he started away gayly.

Now, the plain facts of it are that Lewis was a ferocious liar. The horse was one of those big-boned, pan-footed beasts which, three minutes after being mounted, resolve themselves each into one vast ridge pole, and which shove along at a floundering motion which shakes a man's boots off unless he is wary and experienced. These animals churn, pound, bruise and stupefy the rider in half the time required by the elephant to accomplish a similar purpose. Mr Crary lasted three miles, and when the stage drew up he mournfully declared that his spirited animal had thrown him and he had sprained his ankle. The beast had done nothing of the kind, but Crary knew his men.

Immediately there was wild contention among those four lieutenants, who, detached from their commands, were now en route to join them. Every one of them wanted to win glory by conquering the newfound steed of the Idaho desert. Naseby, of Angel island, seized and the other three disgustedly climbed back to lie to one another about the experiences in horse breaking which they had had since leaving the Point. Naseby rushed on ahead, and in a minute or two was out of sight, while Crary, still semi recumbent attitude in Naseby's seat, wondered what the army man would do to get out of it. He found out in 15 minutes. At the next turn in the road they found Naseby lying in a coma beside the way, the vicious animal standing near. The proper restoratives brought the false Naseby out of his fraudulent faint, and he rose with great circumstance how the horse had bolted and had leaped an irrigation ditch 40 feet broad, had waltzed all over the neighboring country, and had finally stood straight up in the air on one hind leg, and, reaching around behind with the other, had kicked Naseby in the small of the back until he felt life oozing out of him.

In a delirium of delight the other officers insisted that Naseby didn't know how to ride anything more violent than a Greek fishing skiff on the Sacramento river, and they insisted on showing him how the thing should be done. Grissette, coming from Fort Palmerton, obtained the great favor of the next mount, and as the remaining two soldier men veiled encouragement and directions at him Naseby under his breath begged Crary to keep still about the horrible truth of the horrible beast.

"It is an honor," he said, "to be thrown and butchered up by a vicious horse, but to be battered up and down like a pebble in a child's rattle by a thunderous, clumsy beast that wouldn't run away if dynamite was exploded under it is to be guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Oh, of all the torturing things of this life, that load of equine lumber is the worst. Hi, Grissette!" aloud, "don't give him too much head or he'll get away and you'll find yourself Mazeppaing over into the Wind river country!"

Lieut. Grissette laughed scornfully, and dug his spurs into the beast's flank. They disappeared out to eastward. "I'll bet eight dollars his hip bones are up under his ears in a quarter of an hour," Naseby groaned in confidential tones to Crary. The latter refused to take the bet. The other two military men set themselves about making their companions comfortable, cheerfully promising Naseby that his broken leg should be reset in three hours, and his ribs, fractured by the spirited horse when it stood upon him, should be dug out and trimmed promptly. "It is all the fortunes of war, old boy," said Henderson, of Douglas. "Think what fame it will be for you to go lolling around the post with a pack of broken bones, received while on duty at the front. I envy you. Only you must let me give you some lessons in horsemanship before you try any more of these unknown and fiery mountain beasts. They are wild as lightning streaks."

Naseby and Crary thought of the rumbling, slow, stupid old crate of bones which they had ridden, and—

"Hello!" yelled Henderson. "There's Grissette. Wounded, too!"

There is no need to tell of the lie of Grissette. It was simply irreproachable, and Naseby and Crary, looking at each other, were ashamed of the paltry and weak tales they had told. And when an hour later they picked up Henderson and Benswick mounted and cheerily rode away, Henderson soared in the mountain clouds of fiction to describe the wicked spirit of the horse, while every man of them excepting the untried Benswick knew the animal had simply hobbled along just out of view of the stage. And Benswick! It is distressing to guess what his thoughts must have been. He realized perfectly well that the four others had lied about their fearful experiences and had merely been shaken and rocked into human pulp, and yet he swore positively that the mount had stood upon its head and had turned three somersaults in the air before picking him up in its teeth and shaking him like a corn-popper. "I can ride lively horses, but this one is too lively," he said sadly, and hinted about a dislocated collarbone, a caved-in skull and a broken arm.

They all agreed that it would be suicide for anyone to try to master that animal, so they all squeezed into the stage and left it to follow if it should choose. Did I tell you that, although there were comfortable seats, every man of them seemed to prefer resting on his knees?

They were proud men, those four officers, and although each knew the other was vilely lying yet they all persistently told and retold of their hurts, and when they got to the main body it was odd to see how every one of them insisted that some other fellow was the worst sufferer and ought to go first to the surgeon, and how finally, in Spartan fortitude, they all decided to bear their injuries without medical assistance.

This is the first time the history of the case has been recited, but when next anyone remarks in your hearing that no soldier or officer was injured in the course of the Jackson's Hole campaign, you tell him he is mistaken.

War is indeed a terrible thing.—Chicago Record.

Accident Stories.

It is characteristic of the perversity of human intelligence to find the most amusing things in the midst of the most serious circumstances—such as railroad accidents, for instance. It is related that a solemn-faced Yankee woman was once riding on the train from Brookfield to Stamford, Conn Somewhere between the two stations the track spread, and the train rolled down an embankment.

The solemn-faced lady crawled from beneath the wreckage, and asked of a bruised-legged man who was near:

"Is this Stamford?"

"No, ma'am," the man gasped, "this is a catastrophe!"

"Oh, dear!" she answered, "then I hadn't oughter got off here, had I?"

This anecdote is much like a still older one which, in its original and proper form, came from Scotland. An old Scottish woman was taking her first journey, to the very next station, on a railroad train. On the way a switch was left open, and the train went into the ditch with a crash.

As soon as the old woman could regain her senses and her tongue, she called out to the guard, who happened to be on the same wrecked car:

"And do they aye whummle us oot like that?"—Youth's Companion.

International Live Stock Regulations.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The conference between the secretary of agriculture and the Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture for the Dominion of Canada, has resulted in an agreement looking to the simplification of the live stock quarantine inspection regulations on both sides of the border. On his return to Canada early in January Mr. Fisher will present the agreement for consideration in council and it will them be formally promulgated and go into effect.

Unappreciated.

"What do you find most difficult in your work as a poet, professor?"

"Getting my poems published."—Detroit Free Press.

Vox Populi Vox Dei—Sometimes.

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—Chicago Journal

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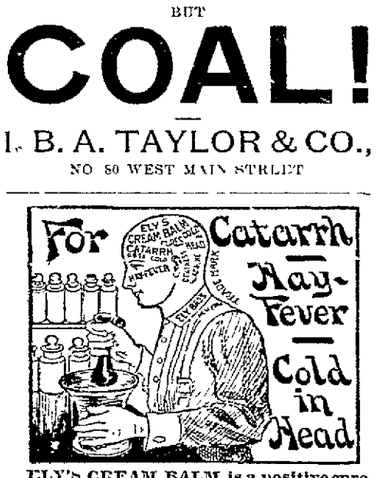

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SUPREME Court, county of Orange—Elisabeth Hoey, plaintiff, against Lawrence Hoey, Agnes Hoey, John Hoey, Bartley Hoey, Ellen Connelly and James Connelly, her husband; William F. O'Neill and E. Louise O'Neill, his wife; S. Rebecca Baird, John Rogers, John Donovan, as administrator of, etc., of Ann Hoey, deceased, defendants.

In pursuance of an interlocutory judgment, directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described, made in the above entitled action, bearing date the 4th day of December, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-six, and duly entered in the Orange County Clerk's office, I, the undersigned, the referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction, at the Russell House, a public hotel on James street, in the city of Middletown, Orange county, N. Y., on the 30th day of December, 1896, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the premises described in said judgment as follows, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the city of Middletown, Orange county, and State of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point 125 feet distant from the westerly line of Cottage street, and on a course of north 60 degrees 38 minutes west from a said point, which point is distant 250 9 10 feet from the north corner of Wisner avenue; and runs from thence on a course of north 29 degrees 22 minutes east 31 feet; thence north 60 degrees 38 minutes west 125 feet to the line of a proposed street to be called Groo street; thence along the line of said proposed street south 29 degrees and 22 minutes west 31 feet; thence south 60 degrees and 38 minutes east 125 feet to the place of beginning; together with the right of way to and from said premises, as stated in a deed from P. H. McShane and wife to Richard Sheerin, dated Oct 9th, 1890, and recorded November 13th, 1890, in Orange County Clerk's office. Said lands above described being the land upon which is now built a new house about 30 feet by 60 feet, and being also the lands described in a deed from Richard Sheerin and wife to Ann Hoey, dated April 19th, 1892, and recorded in Orange County Clerk's office, in book of deeds 390, at page 184, April 19th, 1892.

Also all that tract or parcel of land situate in the city of Middletown, Orange county, New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the line of lands of John Redfield 50 feet northwest from the north corner of lot number 16 on James B Bell's map made by W. W. Reeve, and dated March, 1856; and runs from thence south 45 and ½ degrees west 185 feet parallel with and 50 feet from the northwest line of a street; thence north 45 and ½ degrees west 6 chains and 83 links to a stake in the wall; thence south 48¾ degrees west 3 chains 85 links to the angle of two stone walls; thence along one of said walls and further north 44 degrees west 9 chains 83 links to the middle of the main ditch in the swamp; thence up the middle of said ditch north 70 degrees east 7 chains 20 links to a stake in the line of said Redfield's lands; thence along his land south 43½ degrees east 6 chains and 78 links to a stake; thence south 45 degrees east 6 chains and 71 links to the place of beginning, containing 7 22-100 acres of land, be the same more or less; excepting and reserving out and from the said described premises all those lots and pieces of land described in certain deeds from Patrick Ward and wife as follows: One to one Many, one to Charles J. Thayer, one to John F. Bradner, and one to S. S. Conkling as will more fully appear from the record of said deeds in the Clerk's office of Orange county, to which reference is here made for greater certainty, being the same premises described in a deed from Richard Sheerin and wife to Ann Hoey, dated April 19th, 1892, and recorded in Orange county records of deeds in book 390 of deeds at page 182, April 19th, 1892.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 7th, 1896.

JOHN C. R. TAYLOR, Referee.

M. J. DONOVAN, Plaintiff's Attorney. Rooms 11 and 12, Low Building, Middletown, N. Y.

d7,9,14,16,21,23,28

IN Pursuance of an order of Hon. John J. Beattie, County Judge of Orange county, N. Y., on the 12th day of November, 1896, notice is hereby given to all creditors and persons having claims against James E. Brazee, lately doing business in the city of Middletown, N. Y., that they are required to present the same with the proper vouchers therefor, duly verified, to the subscriber, at 9 o'clock a. m. of the 6th day of February, 1897, at the office of the said James E. Brazee, for the benefit of creditors, at his office, Empire Block, in the city of Middletown, N. Y. on or before the sixth day of February, 1897.

A. VANNEST POWELSON, Assignee, Middletown, N. Y.

GEO. H. DECKER, Attorney for Assignee, Middletown, N. Y. dMo7tJan4

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A Sincere Composition.

"I don't think that Penner is a sincere writer," remarked one young man.

"You think he doesn't mean what he says?"

"Yes."

"Well, I know better than that. I saw something that he wrote the other day, and I'm sure that he meant every word of it. It was a request for a loan of five dollars."—Washington Star.

A Genuine Mark-Down.

Mrs. Shopper—Do you believe that any of these mark-downs are genuine?

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Mrs. Shopper—What was it?

Mrs. Seizem—A wife. He married a girl in a combination store. She was 24—marked down from 39.—N. Y. World.

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"You may call Mr. Biggles egotistic and conceited if you choose," she said, "but there's one trait that I admire in him. He always gives his wife credit for possessing excellent judgment. I don't think that's very egotistical."

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"Here, take my seat, lady," said the little boy on the car as he sprang from his father's knee and doffed his hat.

The lady looked like a blush rose, the women giggled, the father signaled the conductor to stop and half a dozen men stood up while urging the lady to sit down.—Detroit Free Press.

Agreed with Him.

"I think," said the comedian, "that some of the humor which I have introduced is strictly up to date."

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"Paw, what is a luxury?"

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In Luck.

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Looking Out for No. 1.

Proprietor—Why did you not give that gentleman the roast chicken he asked for?

Waiter—I know my business. I gave him something cheaper, so's he would have some money left to tip me with.—Tit-Bits.

Two Views.

"Do you think that so many women pushing into public life is an indication of the progress of woman?"

"I don't know; sometimes I fear it is only an evidence of the deterioration of man."—Chicago Record.

Finished with Herself.

She painted first a mountain scene,
A shore with coves and creeks,
And then a valley, long and green,
And then—"touched up" her cheeks.
—Town Topics

AN APPROPRIATE NAME.

Dusty Dooly—Say, Willie, what do dey call you Bicycle Bill fer?

William—I dunno. Cuz I'm always tired, I guess.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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I would write you a letter, my darling—
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But—'tis several weeks until pay day,
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Conclusive Evidence.

He—I don't have to work for a living.

She—That's evident.

He—What do you mean?

She—You are still living. — N. Y. Truth.

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"Advance one foot, man, and I scream!" exclaimed the maiden.

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A Diagnosis.

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She—I see; a sort of aching void.—Town Topics.

Like All Other Cats.

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Penman—Yes, but, of course, it came back.—Yonkers Statesman.

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24—West Main street and Wickhall avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Ring before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.

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2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
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STATIONS.	11 * SMK	1 On't Day Exp	7 Sul-liv'n Exp	5 * Chic ago Lmt
N. Y. Leave	A M	A M	P M	P M
Franklin St	3 32	7 40	3 00	4 15
W. 42d St.	3 38	7 55	3 15	4 20
Weehawken	4 00	8 10	3 40	4 40
Cornwall	5 16	9 15	5 00	6 01
W Cornwall	5 22	9 53	5 08	
Orr's Mills	5 30	9 55	f 10	
Little Britain	5 40	10 5	5 23	
Burnside	6 56	10 34	5 54	
Campbell H	7 07	10 22	5 40	6 30
Stony Ford	7 15	10 27	15 44	
M'town Main St.	7 38	10 42	5 58	
M'town ar	7 40	11 45	6 00	6 46
M'town lv	8 15	1 55	*6 10	6 56
Whiterton	9 10	11 9	6 25	
Bloom'gb'gh	9 1	11 15	6 30	
Wurtsboro	9 26	11 19	6 34	
Summitville	9 38	11 30	6 45	
Ellenville ar	10 05	11 50	7 05	
Fallsburgh	17 32	2 05	20	
Hurleyville	10 58	12 12	2 37	
Liberty Falls	11 15	12 28	2 53	
Liberty	11 30	12 9	7 44	8 07
Parksville	11 45	12 43	7 58	
L'y gat n M'r	12 00	1 03	8 13	
Rockland	12 15	1 08	8 21	13
Hancock Jct	1 20	2 05	9 27	9 19
Walton	2 15	2 45	12 55	9 53
Sidey east		3 18	2 0	8 38
Sidney		3 41	3 10	9 02
N'wich ar		4 33	4 00	9 37
N'wich lv		4 38	7 30	P M 11
Oneid Castle		6 08	9 10	11 35
Oneida ar		6 10	9 15	12 40
Oneida lv		6 15		
Fulton		7 57		2 03
Oswego ar		8 50		2 20
	P M	P M	M	M

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New Y'k Exp	12 *	14 Tel-bi Ex	50 Lmt	2 Day Exp	
	P M	P M		P M	A M	M
Oswego lv	12 30				6 45	
Oneida ar				12 20	8 46	
Oneida Castle lv	2 11			12 25	8 53	
Norwich ar	3 21			1 36	9 37	
Norwich lv	2 20			7 41	P M 10	42
Sidney	4 20			8 45	11 40	
Sidney East'r				9 03	11 57	
Walton	5 05	12 15	9 38		12 37	
Hancock Jct	5 38	1 30	8		1 20	
Lackland		2 38	6 05		2 10	
Lyg'n M'r	6 27	3 02	6 14		2 25	
Parksville		3 16	6 25		2 37	
Liberty	6 48	3 35	6 35		2 51	
Liberty Falls		3 41	6 41		n2 56	
Hurleyville		4 01	6 50		3 06	
Fallsburgh	n7 06	4 19	6 57		3 14	
Centreville		4 40	7 04		n3 20	
Mountain D.		4 50	7 16		n3 25	
Summitville		5 15	7 25		3 45	
Wurtsboro		5 25	7 33		n3 52	
Bloom'gburgh		5 2	7 35		3 57	
Winterton		5 40	7 43		n4 02	
M'town ar	8 00	6 05	8 05		4 21	
M'town lv	8 10	6 25	*8 10		4 30	
Main St.		6 27	8 12		4 32	
Stony Ford		7 02	8 2		4 42	
Campbell H.		7 7	8 31		4 52	
Burnside		7 25	8 54		5 17	
Little Britain		7 5	8 44		5 08	
Orr's Mills		8 15	9 3		5 19	
W Cornwall		8 20	8		5 21	
Cornwall	8 53	8 3	9 0		5 28	
Weehawken	10 0	9 11	10 10	30	7 0	
New York						
W. 42d St.	10 25	11 15	10 40		7 10	
N. Y.						
Franklin	10 45	11 30	10 55		7 25	
	P M	P M	M	A M	P M	

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	Daily a m	Daily p m	ex Sun p m
New York	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 56
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	....	5 02
Paterson	9 31	....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 15	3 00	6 02
Godeusburg	11 07	3 18	6 42
Franklin	11 12	3 26	6 47
Hamburg	11 29	3 38	6 55
Deckertown	11 28	3 54	7 07
Quarryville	11 36	4 04	7 16
Unionville	11 44	4 15	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 25	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 38	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 57	7 34
Middletown	12 12	5 10	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily a m	ex Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	4 45
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	4 57
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 03
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 09
Unionville	6 59	7 55	5 16
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 25
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 33
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	5 42
Franklin Junction	7 27	8 53	.....
Franklin	7 29	8 56	5 49
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	5 54
Two Bridges	7 51	9 32	6 10
Paterson	9 03	.....	7 30
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 33
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	7 46
Jersey City	9 36	11 12	8 13
New York	9 56	11 23	8 23

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MILK PRODUCERS ORGANIZE.

The Five States' Milk Producers' Association Formed—Will Try to Raise the Price Paid Farmers.

The meeting of milk producers held at the Broadway Central Hotel, in New York, yesterday, at the call of Herbert Myrick, editor of the *American Agriculturist*, was attended by about 150 farmers.

A temporary organization was effected by electing Mr. Myrick, president, and J. E. Hoag, of Poughkeepsie, secretary.

Mr. Myrick began by telling how the thing had been done in other cities. Attempts at a similar organization in New York have failed. A committee reported a plan of temporary organization. This provided for an executive committee of eleven members, one on each of the principal railroad milk routes into the city; local associations to be formed in each town and to send representatives to a council for the route along which they are. What the associations will seek to accomplish is first to force the middleman to divide his profit with the farmer by establishing independent milk markets if necessary; secondly, to co-operate with the Board of Health to stop adulteration; and, thirdly, to prevent dishonest wholesalers from jumping from farmer to farmer, leaving all their bills unpaid.

Lawyer Ely, of Warren county, N. J. who is counsel for the New York Milk Exchange, was at the meeting and argued that the effect of the organization would be the formation of a trust. He contended that this was clearly illegal, and warned the members against any step such as they had taken.

President Myrick declared there was no intention of organizing a trust, and that no such result would arise from the proceedings.

It is not the intention or desire of the association to raise the retail price of milk. Because of the small attendance yesterday it will be necessary to circulate these suggestions among the farmers, and perhaps to hold another meeting before a satisfactory organization is assured. It is proposed to call the association the Five States' Milk Producers' Association. The five States are New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

DOESN'T MIND A FATAL WOUND

A Sussex County Man Going About With a Bullet in His Brain.

Henry E. Montross proprietor of the Centreville House, at Centreville, Sussex county, N. J., shot himself in the head, Sunday morning. He left word for his wife that he had gone to his bedroom to take a good rest. She found him wrapped in bedclothes, the wound being concealed. Later he walked in the kitchen and remarked that he had shot himself.

To Dr. Swartwout, of Port Jervis, he said he was sorry he hadn't made a better job of it. He sat with his feet on the stove while the doctor trephined the skull. Dr. Swartwout says Montross cannot survive, but at last accounts the wounded man was walking about the house.

Thrown Into the Canal.

While Hiram Towner, the well known horse dealer, was driving on the tow path from Port Jervis to Sparrowbush, Saturday, in company with James McKee, of Port Jervis, his horse took fright and shied and the carriage and its occupants went into the canal. Mr. McKee fell on top of Mr. Towner and escaped unhurt but Mr Towner's right shoulder was very badly hurt.

GREENVILLE.

Christmas Entertainments—A Church Sociable.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

—A joyous time on Christmas Eve is expected in the Greenville Church. No admission fee.

—A fine entertainment is in preparation for Christmas night (Friday), at Clark's second house. All are welcome.

—Rev. W. H. Berdine gives services in the Clark school house, Tuesday evening, Dec. 22d. Every one welcome.

—The pupils of Pleasantown vicinity are planning to enjoy the close of term at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Haskins next Saturday. It is to be a church social. Lots of special interest is anticipated.

FINE BUSH

Much Sickness in the Village and Vicinity.

Argus and Mercury.

—Rev. Mr. Son, of Middletown, is building a cottage [illegible] place of Hugh Lowry.

—[illegible] on Gilbert Decker, is [illegible] severe attack of typhoid fever.

—Rev. Mr. Houston has been sick for the past week. He preached a short sermon, Sunday morning, but was unable to preach in the evening.

—Besides those already mentioned, there are a number of persons in the village and vicinity, who are under the doctors' care and others who are complaining more or less.

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MOUNT HOPE.

Pay Your Taxes—Many Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—The tax list is now in the hands of the collector, Charles Moore. He will receive taxes at the store of S. A. Kaufman on Jan. 12th.

—Rev. and Mrs. Luther Littell were guests at the home of Al op Dodge in Otisville, Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Smith entertained a few friends last Wednesday.

—Mrs. Lydia Moore, who spent several weeks in New York city, returned home Thursday.

—Miss Louisa Halstead was recently the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Isaac Bodle, in Port Jervis, for a few days.

—Mrs. G. K. Jeffers and daughter, who spent the last month with relatives in New York city, returned home Saturday.

—Mrs. Wm. McCullum and children spent a few days at her father's home, last week.

—Mrs. David Hull is spending a few days with her mother.

—Miss Mary Osborn, of Otisville, is a guest of Mrs. Sarah Woodward, for a few days.

—Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald is building an ice house. John Williams is doing the carpenter work.

—Peter Moore will have an auction of his cattle and farming utensils on Wednesday of this week.

BULLVILLE.

Sunday School Christmas Entertainment—Chances to Pay Taxes—Home for the Holidays—Anxious About the Post Office.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—The Sunday School of the M. E. Church of this place will hold its entertainment and Christmas tree on Thursday evening. All of the friends of the Sunday School are invited to attend.

—The tax collector of the town, George W. Jamison, will be at the hotel of S. H. Dickinson, at this place, to receive taxes on Saturday, Dec. 26, 1896, and Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1897.

—Arlington Dickerson and Joseph D. Bull, who are attending Brown's business college at Brooklyn, arrived home on Saturday for the holiday vacation.

—Miss Lizzie Sherer, who is attending the normal school at New Paltz, is also home for the holiday vacation.

—Mrs. Geo. B. Harris and her little son, Robert Clinton, of Montgomery, are on a two weeks' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shaw, near this place.

—It is more than two months before McKinley will take his seat as President of the United States, yet some of the Republicans at this place are getting very anxious over the post office. We wonder if they will be able to wait.

Extra Car Service to Goshen.

The Traction Company, commencing to-day, will give a half hour car service all day and evening, between this city and Goshen until Saturday night, for the accommodation of shoppers.

DIED.

MAX—In this city, Dec 21st '96, Joseph Emil, only child of William and Lula Max, aged eight months, eighteen days.
Funeral Wednesday, at two-thirty o'clock. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

DENTON—At 4 Lincoln street, this city, Dec 21st, '96, Nathaniel B. Denton, aged seventy-three years.
Funeral Thursday morning, at nine-thirty, at late residence, No 4 Lincoln street. Interment at Florida, Orange county.

[illegible] Telephone No. 3 New York Office, 174 East 2nd St.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 22, '96.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	110⅝	109⅝
Tobacco	76½	78¼
Chicago Gas	73	72½
Nat. Lead		
General Electric	31½	
U. S. L., pref	60½	59⅞
Tenn. Coal and Iron	26⅜	24⅜
A. T. & S. F.	13⅝	13¼
C. B. & Q.	71⅝	70½
C. M. & St. P.	76⅝	72½
R. I.	66⅝	65½
D. L. & W.		
C. of N. J.	102½	99⅝
Erie	14⅝	
D. and H.	124	117⅝
O. & W.	14⅜	14¼
Susquehanna & Western		
Susquehanna & West., pref	24¾	
P. & R.	25½	25
N. W.	102⅛	102⅛
L. S.	154½	155
N. Y. C.	93½	94½
M. P.	20	19½
Texas	8¾	
U. P.	9½	9
W. Union	83⅜	82⅝
L. & N.	48⅛	47¼
Manhattan	89½	87¼
P. M.	24	22¾
Wabash, pref	15⅝	15¼
No Pacific, pref	22½	
W. L.	7¾	7
Southern R'y		
Southern, pref	27⅛	26¼
May Wheat	79¾	60⅝
May Corn	25¼	25⅛
May Oats	19¾	19⅞
Jan Pork	$7 65	$7 60
Jan Lard	3 85	3 82

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Department of Public Instruction.

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Examinations for Commissioner's Certificates will be held during the year 1897 as follows:

FIRST GRADE

March 4th and 5th, at Goshen
May 7th and 10th, at Middletown

TRAINING CLASSES

Jan 20th 21st and 22d at Port Jervis
June 8th, 10th and 11th at Port Jervis

SECOND AND THIRD GRADE

Jan 14th and 15th at Port Jervis
March 4th and 5th, at Goshen
April 23d and 24th at Middletown
June 8th and 9th at Port Jervis
Aug 19th and 20th at Middletown
Sept 24th and 25th at Warwick

WILLIAM P. KAUFMAN
School Commissioner

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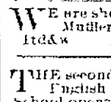

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CLAIRVOYANT—PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF has left town and will return to Middletown the 18th of January, 1897, and remain one week at Wm. S. Roe's, 37 James St. 1sd&w3mMch17

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SEYMOUR DEWITT, Cashier

Collector's Notice.
State and County Tax.

The warrant for the collection of the State and County Tax for the city of Middletown, N. Y., for the year 1896 having been delivered to me by the Board of Supervisors, I will attend on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Corporation Rooms, Center street, in said city, for 30 days, beginning Monday, Dec. 21st, 1896, and ending Monday, Jan. 25th, 1897, inclusive, for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes. No fee will be charged during said 30 days.
C. M. HAMILTON, Collector.
Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec 18, 1896.
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18c small Blocks with copy.

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